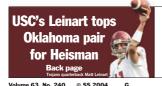
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Navy officer swims into history crossing the English Channel

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A devastating loss

BY STEVE LIEWER

Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE SUMMERALL, Iraq Sgt. Collin MacInnes carefully crosses off each day of his long, bitter Iraq adventure on the calendar.
All except Sept. 20. That was the day Shadow Platoon

lost its heart and soul.

His name was Spc. Joshua Henry, a gregarious 21-year-old from Avonmore, Pa. A muscle-bound gym rat, he had starred on his undefeated high school football team. A trained sniper, he could shoot better than almost anyone in Battery A of the 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery. He never missed a chance to joke or wisecrack with his buddies.

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On Sept. 20, Shadow Platoon lost

its heart and soul in an Iraqi ambush.

Months later, Spc. Joshua Henry's comrades still mourn his death.



Infantry Division's 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery still Intantry Juvision's 1st Battalion, 7th Field Artillery sit mourn for Spc. Joshua Henry, 21, above, who died in an ambush Sept. 20. Front row, from lett's 5gt. Collin Maclinnes; Pt. Kyle Heldinnisky; Sgc. 1st Class Erick Macher; Capt. Jason Ebert; and Spc. Jarren Kealoha. Second row, from lett! Pt. Shamono Squires; Pvt. Michael Gallagher; and Spc. Jerome Braganaza. Back ow, from lett's Staff Sgt. Jose Rojo; Staff Sgt. Dan Sowell; and Spc. Travis Harney.

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Ne ws Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Ohio nightclub shooting: Mourn-ers attended a funeral Saturday for one of the four victims of a nightclub shooting, a fan of "Dimebag" Darrell Abbott who a witness said had tried to save the heavy-metal guitarist.

While most concertgoers rushed for the exits after Abbott was shot by a longtime fan of his former group, Pantera, Nathan Bray jumped up on stage, held Abbott and tried to perform CPR, said Adam Vanover, 45. of Bellefontaine.

"When [Bray] looked up at the shooter that's when the shooter shot him." Vanover said

About 200 people attended a private, two-hour service Saturday for Bray, 23, at a funeral home in his hometown of Circleville, about 30 miles south of Columbus

Popcorn-lung trial: A liability lawsuit against the manufacturers of an artificial butter flavoring used at a popcorn plant has ended in a settlement.

Attorneys for plaintiff Samantha Taffner and defendants International Flavors and Fragrances and Rush Boake Allen Inc. which International purchased in 2000, told Jasper County Associate Judge Stephen Carlton they reached a deal Friday, after a 10-day trial.

Taffner, 28, is one of about 30 former workers at the Gilster-Mary Lee Corp. plant in Jasper and their spouses who have sued the manufacturers, claiming they should have known the chemical diacetyl, used to make the butter flavoring, causes lung damage.

World

Afghan drug crackdown: Afghan and British officials preparing a crackdown on Afghanistan's booming illegal narcotics industry began training a legal task force Sunday for special courts they hope will begin jailing heroin and opium kingpins within months.

The six-week course opened at the headquarters of Afghanistan's new Counter Narcotics Police in the Afghan capital, officials said, under a plan to give specialist skills to 35 investigators, 35 prosecutors and 15 judges.

A secure court and prison facility is being set up at a notorious prison near Kabul to house the first convicts by the middle of 2005

Arrest in U.N. hostage-taking: A dissident member of a militant Islamic group that kidnapped three U.N. workers in Afghanistan provided the tip that led to the arrest of the organization's leader, a Pakistani security official said Sunday.

Syed Akbar Agha, a former Taliban front-line commander in Afghanistan who later founded Jaish-al Muslimeen, or Army of Muslims, was captured in the southern city of Karachi last week.

Iran nuclear talks: Iran and the European Union will begin comprehensive talks on Tehran's nuclear activities this week, official media reported Saturday.

Iran's top nuclear negotiator, Hassan Rowhani, will meet foreign ministers of Britain, France, Germany and EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana in a joint session. The



Taiwan election: Chen Chien-ming, front, a Taiwanese lawmaker with the ruling Democratic Progressive Party (DPP), cruises the streets of Taipei on Sunday on top of a jeep thanking voters for their support. Three opposition parties teamed up Saturday to defeat President Chen Shui-bian's pro-independence coalition, in an election expected to calm U.S. fears that the island was headed toward a conflict with rival China.

timing of that meeting was not clear. Last month. Iran reached an agreement with the three European nations to suspend its nuclear enrichment and related activities while negotiating a long-term settle-

ment with the EU on its nuclear program. The International Atomic Energy Agency is monitoring the suspension.

Somalia government sacked: Somalia's parliament has passed a no-confidence motion against the country's new prime minis-ter and his Cabinet, sacking a government that was sworn in less than two weeks ago in an attempt to end 13 years of anarchy in the Horn of Africa nation.

Dalhar Omar, deputy speaker of the 275-member transitional parliament, said Saturday 153 members voted against Prime Minister Ali Mohammed Gedi, accusing him of failing to respect power-sharing arrangements reached in complex talks involving warlords and leaders of the country's main clans.

Legislators also accused Gedi of violating the constitution by failing to seek a vote of confidence within 30 days after he was appointed to his post by the president, Omar said in the Kenyan capital, Nairobi

Darfur crisis: Egypt said Sunday that Sudan is working to solve the crisis in Darfur but needed more international assistance, not criticism

After talks between Egyptian President Hosni Muharak and Sudanese leader Omar el-Bashir, Mubarak's spokesman urged the international community to redouble its efforts to end the crisis

Gaza-Egypt border explosion: A tunnel filled with explosives detonated Sunday the Israeli checkpoint Gaza-Egypt border near the town of Rafah, military officials said.

The officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said there were Israeli casual-ties. The Israeli rescue service ZAKA said three people were seriously wounded. Israel Radio said seven people were being treated at the scene

A Palestinian militant giving his name

only as Abu Majad said gunmen attacked the Israeli position after the blast. He claimed responsibility in the name of the Fatah Hawks, an offshoot of the mainstream Fatah Party, and the violent Islamic Hamas.

Romanian election: Romanians cast their votes Sunday in a presidential runoff be-tween Prime Minister Adrian Nastase, a political veteran of Romania's former communist elite, and Western-leaning Bucharest Mayor Traian Basescu.

The winner takes over from President Ion Iliescu, who has led Romania for 11 of the past 15 years. He will have to try to form a government to lead the country through economic and judicial reforms aimed at gaining European Union membership in 2007

About 25 percent of Romania's 18 million eligible voters had cast their ballots by 2

War on terrorism

Hostages released: A Sri Lankan truck driver held hostage by Iraqi militants for 43 days returned to the island Sunday

Dinesh Dharmendra Rajaratnam, 37, was in Iraq working for a Kuwaiti-based transport company when he was abducted along with a Bangladeshi colleague, Abul Kashem, near a U.S. military base.

Kashem, 42, is expected to return home soon officials said

Gitmo review tribunals: A 28-year-old Iraqi man accused of fighting for the ousted Taliban regime five years ago appeared Saturday before a military review tribunal in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, an official said.

The military accused the prisoner of fighting against the anti-Taliban Northern Alliance in 1999, said Navy Lt. Gary Ross, spokesman for the Combatant Status Review Tribunals. His identity was not released.

The military did not say whether the detainee was still fighting for the Taliban when the United States declared hostilities against Afghanistan following the Sept. 11. 2001, attacks.

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Andreina Howard, center, teaches a birthing class at the 233rd Base Support Battalion in Darmstadt, Germany. Howard shows new father, Joseph Amendolare, how to apply pressure to Meyoung Amendolare's hips

Darmstadt prepares for baby boom

BY JESSICA INIGO Stars and Strings

DARMSTADT, Germany - There's a baby boom in the 233rd Base Support Battalion and the mother of all nurses is preparing new families for what to expect when they're expecting.

Kristi Groves, the new obstetrics and gynecology nurse for the Darmstadt Medical Clinic, took on the role in the community earlier this month to mainly help new mamas and papas.

Previously, pregnant women in the community would have to travel to the U.S. Army Hospital in Heidelberg or would have to be seen off post, she said. But the boom, which is attributed to Rest and Recuperation leave and troops returning from Iraq, created the need to get an OBGYN nurse at the clinic she said

Just within the past couple of months there has been about 80 new babies born or conceived, Groves said, and with the upcoming deployments she suspects the numbers will keep growing

Groves, who has been working at the Darmstadt clinic for two years, now uses her new position to offer a wide variety of medical and community services to help people who are new parents under-stand what their life will be like after nine months.

At the onset of the pregnancy, Groves offers a four-hour class introducing community programs that new families can use. Isssues such as the

enth child come to the class. I discussed with her beforehand that I didn't expect her to go to my class, since she could probably be teaching it," Groves said. "She still went and said 'It was a great class. You can never have too much information.' She learned new things in the class after her seventh pregnancy. And actually, I'm an OB nurse, and I learn new things every time I go to the class. It's

something any new parent could benefit from One of the programs Groves encourages new parents to attend is the "Preparing for Your Amazing

The class is new to the community and taught over a two-day period at the Army Community Service center. Parents are taught the different stages of labor, how to reach a comfort point while in labor, what to expect after labor, and beginning tips on car-

The class alternates between the Darmstadt and Babenhausen ACS and is taught by two instructors, Andreina Howard and Kristy Kittinger, who also make house calls after the baby is born. Both the in-structors are mothers, as well as registered nurses, and they say the new parents like having someone to depend on, as well as teach tricks of the trade.

During the class, there are props, videos, demon strations, and soon there will be a "sympathy belly," for fathers to wear and get an idea of the magnitude for rainers to wear and get an uce a time magnitude of pregnancy. "I feel education is the most important aspect of a pregnancy. When you know what you're going into, what things to ask for, you have a better labor experience," said Kittinger at one of the classes at the Darmstadt ACS earlier this month.

Women, Infants, and Children program; Tricare; Child and Youth Services: as well as pregnancy and child-raising-specific courses are introduced in her E-mail Jessica Inigo at: Inigoi@mail.estripes.osd.mil "I just had a patient who's pregnant with her sev-

Volunteers chase away holiday blues By SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

NSA NAPLES, Italy - It isn't home for the holidays, but the surprise stocking treat left in Petty Officer 2nd Class Daniel Carnecki's barracks room comes in at a distant second place

"It kind of made me feel more like Christmas, because you don't get that feeling living in the bar-racks," said the 29-year-old sailor stationed at Naval Support Activitv. Naples.

"I'm really homesick right now," said Carnecki, who won't be going home to Detroit to spend the holidays with his father, brother and brother's family

"I've got a lot of good friends, but no family.

For more than seven years, the chaplain's office at NSA Naples, with the help of several volunteers, have stuffed stockings and baggies with goodies from hard candy to baked goods compliments of the base "Ciao Hall" to deliver to single sailors living in the barracks, said Chaplain (Lt. Cmdr.) Dave McBeth.

"People are away from home. and when people are away from home, all the psychological studies and our own experts tells us that there is a greater chance that the holiday blues increase exponentially." McBeth said. can't take [their being away from nome] away. We can't make it not happen. But we can do some-

The program doesn't just help the single, sick-for-home sailors, McBeth said. Volunteers too can help beat the holidays blues by helping others feel special and re-membered, he said. This season volunteers stuffed 750 baggies and went knocking on single sailors' barracks doors, doling out the goodie bags. If no one was home, they'd slip in and leave the gifts on sailors' desks: "Kind of like Santa." McBeth said.

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Panel sentences Army private to 3 years in prison

Soldier gets maximum penalty in nightclub assault of Italian

BY KEVIN DOUGHERTY

Stare and Strings

WIESBADEN. Germany The six-day murder trial of Army Pvt. Nestor K. Velazquez ended with a mother's scream.

When the six-member panel sentenced Velazquez on Saturday night to the three-year maximum penalty for aggravated assault, Maria-Rita Scardino rose up and ranted at them, prosecution and defense lawyers said.

Before, outside of court, Scardino said she couldn't understand how a man can receive so little time in prison for killing her 18-vear-old son, Santo

Mai. Meg Foreman, a prosecutor in the case, characterized the courtroom outburst as "quite the emotional end to a very long or-deal for all involved."

Velazquez was found not guilty earlier in the day of unpremeditated murder, which carries a maximum penalty of life in prison. Other lesser charges were options, but the panel chose aggravated assault with a deadly weap-

In addition to the three-year jail sentence, the panel included the forfeiture of all pay and allowances, reduction to the lowest enlisted grade and a dishonorable discharge. Velazquez, 19, already has spent nearly eight months in pretrial confinement, which will count as time served.

Santo Scardino died April 18 during a brawl in a popular Mainz-Kastel nightspot. Prosecutors said Velazquez let a fistfight turn into a knife fight that ended in the fatal stabbing of Scardino.

Defense attorneys acknowledged their client snuck a knife into the bar and later brandished it, but they said he pulled it out in self-defense because Scardino and his friends ganged up on Velazquez and another soldier. Because it was so chaotic and because a second knife was found but later lost by German investigators - it's possible Velazquez didn't deliver the fatal blow

Furthermore, the wife of a soldier with no ties to Velazquez testified that she saw another man at the scene drop the soldier's knife and dart away.

The man was questioned by German authorities, but later released.

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Special role for Rota sailor



SCOTT SCHONAUER/Stars and Stripe

Rota Mayor Lorenzo Sanchez, left, presents U.S. Navy Ensign Ernest Padilla, right, as January's royal postman for the Three Kings Day celebrations Jan. 6. It has been a long tradition in Rota, Spain, for an American from the Navy base to participate in the holiday festivities. Americans chosen for the honor must speak Spanish to be considered. With Padilla is Estefania Alcedo.

Lieutenant swims the distance to reach goal

Rice becomes first female U.S. Navy officer to cross English Channel

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER Stars and Stripes

STATION Spain — At age 8, Rose Rice bold-ly told her swim coach that someday she would make the Olympics and cross the English Channel

She missed the Olympics in the 800-meter freestyle by only a fraction of a second as a high school se-nior. But earlier this year, at age she fulfilled her childhood goal and achieved the swimmer's equivalent of climbing Mount Everest, Lt. Rose made history Aug. 28 by becoming the first fe male U.S. naval officer to cross the 24-mile-wide channel. She swam across the body of water in 10 hours and 21 minutes

The swim was an incredible test of mental toughness for the clinical psychologist from the

naval station hospital.
"Part of it is just mental," she said. "I've done the distance before. It's actually a fairly straightforward, easy swim. There's the currents and stuff. But that whole psychological thing took on a life of its own."

Conquering the lifelong goal of swimming the channel changed her life. It is a huge accomplishment, but she has a history of beating the odds.

Rice, who grew up in Long Is-land, N.Y., graduated from West Point in 1995 with hopes of pin-ning on her 2nd lieutenant bars. However, the Army would not let her because she has a neuromuscular disorder.



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Lt. Rose Rice swims the English Channel on Aug. 28. Rice, who swam the channel in 10 hours and 21 minutes, trained nearly seven days a week to complete the feat.

"Imagine going to medical school for four years and then never getting to be a doctor," she said. "So, I go to the academy for four years to be an officer in the military and they say, 'Thanks but you have to go.

After getting her doctorate in psychology, she still had the desire to be in the military.

She tried for more than a year to convince the Navy to give her a waiver until they finally did.

Although the Army booted her for medical reasons, she proved her athleticism in the pool. The Navy allows sailors to substitute the running portion of their test with the swim. And when she took her physical readiness test, she

wouldn't accept her score. She shattered the men's best score by swimming the 500 meters in around five minutes.

"I couldn't even pass my age group running." Rice said, laughing. "Thank goodness I'm in the

She thought about giving up long distance swimming, but she decided she couldn't until she crossed the English Channel. She trained for nearly six months preparing for the distance and the

62-degree waters. Rice swam nearly seven days a week to get ready. On weekdays. she swam three to four hours in the pool. On weekends, she would swim four to six hours. She twice swam across the bay to the city of Cadiz, a 12-mile round trip.

Her husband, Doron Fields, coached her and made sure she

followed the rigorous regiment. "My training without him would've lasted one week," she said. He followed her in an escort hoat the entire swim across the

channel. Every 20 minutes, Rice would drink some water or eat a snack so she could finish. When she got ashore, she ran around and did a cartwheel be-

fore swimming back to the row-That glimmering moment would be enough for most swimmers, but not Rice





swimming the English Channel.

Job: Clinical psychologist, Naval Hospital Rota, Spain

Family: Husband, Doron Fields Hometown: Long Island, N.Y.

She plans on crossing the Strait of Gibraltar this summer with her husband. The strait is only eight miles at its narrowest point between Spain and Morocco, but the currents, wind and ships will make it a challenge, she said.

She also hasn't ruled out another swim across the English Chan-

The fact that she missed her personal goal of crossing the channel in less than 10 hours left her slightly disappointed. She says this even though she reached the channel faster than any woman this year and had the third fastest time

overall.
"The fact is that I would rather have taken 15 hours and gotten across than not getting across at all," she said of her first attempt. But there is a part of me that it is a little bit heartbroken."

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Weight of success sinking USS Arizona memorial

BY JAYMES SONG The Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii - The USS Arizona Memorial's visitors center was designed to accommodate 750,000 people a year when it was built in 1980, but today it's jammed with crowds more than twice that big - and it's literally bursting at the seams

Portions of the shoreside building and plaza commemorating the Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor have settled as much as 30 inches and are still slowly sinking, and the concrete structure is cracking.

"Our office space is crammed, our visitor space is crammed, capacity is a significant issue on all fronts," said Douglas Lentz, the National Park Service superintendent in charge of the visitors center. "Then you've got the structural integrity of the building.'

Crowds at the memorial have grown over the years as interest in Pearl Harbor has increased, fueled in part by Hollywood's sus-tained interest in World War II, including a of the Sept. 11 attacks in 2001 drew comparisons to Pearl Harbor and sparked interest

among a new generation.

A total of 2,390 people were killed in the Dec. , 1941, surprise attack. The Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund is working

to raise \$34 million to replace the visitors center, the starting point for ferry rides across the harbor to the white memorial that straddles the sunken Arizona, which still contains the remains of 1,177 sailors.

The group — whose honorary chairmen include actor Tom Hanks and Sens. Daniel Inouye, D-Hawaii, and John McCain, R-Ariz. wants to raise enough money to break ground for a new center in three to five years. During the peak summer months, the center averages 4,500 visitors daily. Some of them have to wait for two hours to watch a 30-minute film which includes U.S. and Japanese footage of the attack - and to be ferried out to the monument at the submerged battleship, which still leaks droplets of oil from its tanks.



The USS Arizona Memorial at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, is a symbol of the beginning and the end of World War II. The Pearl Harbor Memorial Fund is working to raise \$34 million to replace the visitors center, rear.

AAFES raises STAR card interest rate

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is raising its Military STAR card interest rate from 9.75 percent to 10 percent

The increase is a result of a Nov. 10 announcement by the Federal Reserve that the prime rate would increase to five percent, according to an AAFES news release.

The terms for the AAFES credit card state that the interest rate will be based on the current prime rate plus five percent, according to the release The new interest rate becomes effective after the Janu-

ary billing statement; any new purchases after that by AAFES STAR card holders constitutes acceptance of the new interest rate, according to the release

All cardholders will receive notification of the interest

rate increase in their December billing statement.

The increase does not apply to the interest-free military clothing plans, special promotions already in existence or to deployed customers whose balances are treated under special conditions or have balances at reduced rates according to the release.

U.S. warplanes pound Fallujah with missiles

U.S. warplanes pound targets in Fallujah

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - American warplanes pounded Fallujah with missiles Sunday as insurgents fought running battles with coalition forces in the volatile western Iraqi city. The U.S. military announced that two troops died in separate incidents.

Several detained leaders of Saddam Hussein's regime began turning back meals in apparent protest against their upcoming trials, U.S. military officials and a lawyer said

Ex-dictator Saddam Hussein was not among them. His attorneys argued in Jordan ahead of Monday's first anniversary of his capture that the former president was being held illegally by U.S. and Iraqi authorities

"It was more of a forced abduction that later became compulsory concealment and solitary confinement, acts rejected by all in-ternational conventions," said a statement released Sunday by the team, citing human rights conventions Washington had allegedly violated.

Saddam's lawyers were appointed by his wife, Sajida, but have not been able to contact their client. None were at his side when he was arraigned July 1 in Baghdad on preliminary charges including killing rival politicians, gassing Kurds, invading Kuwait in 1990 and suppressing popular uprisings in 1991.

The military announced Sunday a Taskforce Baghdad soldier was killed a day earlier in a roadside bomb blast in the capital's northern suburbs. Three other soldiers were also wounded in the ambush.

A U.S. Marine died in action Sunday in Anbar province, a vast region comprising the battleground cities of Fallujah and Ramadi

Also Sunday, insurgents fired mortars and rocket-propelled grenades at Iraqi National Guardsmen in downtown Baghdad as part of a campaign to derail next month's nationwide elections and target Iraqi forces who collaborate with U.S.-led troops. There were no casualties reported. A day earlier insurgent attacks left three senior Iragi police officers dead.

Fallujah, the scene of a weeklong U.S.-led offensive last month to uproot insurgents based in the city, erupted in more violence Sunday that began with American and Iraqi forces clashing with guerrillas in several suburbs and ending with a series of U.S. air strikes.

"Third Marine Aircraft Wing aircraft dropped 10 precision guided bombs on structures in Fallujah where insurgents were hiding and attacking Iraqi and Ma-rine forces," spokesman Lt. Lyle Gilbert said. "The strikes were conducted throughout the day and were called in by troops in (armed) contact with and observing the enemy moving from house to house

Gilbert had no details on whether there were any casualties.

Fallujah resident Abdullah Ahmed said the fighting started after U.S. soldiers brought between 700 and 800 men into the city to clear rubble from damage caused by the November offensive

"The clashes started as soon as the young men entered the city," Ahmed said. The American troops were surprised and decided to launch military operations."

Earlier, Iraqi Red Crescent Society workers returned to Fallujah with food, water and medical aid after withdrawing Dec. 5 because of security concerns. Red Crescent, sister organization of the

International Committee of the Red Cross, is the only humanitarian aid group in Falluiah

Most of its 300,000 people fled the fighting to camps on the city's outskirts

Elsewhere, two insurgents died after detonating their explosives-packed car alongside an American M1 Abrams battle tank in Tikrit, 80 miles north of Baghdad, at about 10:45 a.m., military spokesman Staff Sgt. Robert Powell said. No soldiers were



At dawn Sunday, U.S. Marine Cpl. Jason Williams, of Pierre, S.D., mans a machine gun from inside the turret of an armored Humvee, helping to provide security for a convoy of engineering equipment traveling from one base to another in Ramadi, Iraq.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

As of Saturday, at least 1,287 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003. according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,007 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is five higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. EST Friday. The British military has reported 74

deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three: Estonia, Thailand and the Nether-

tween Haditha and Rawah, about 150

miles northwest of Baghdad. There were

Guerrillas killed a security guard of the

no U.S. casualties, the military said.

lands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia one death each. Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,149 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 898 deaths resulting from hostile action, ac-

cording to the military's numbers The latest deaths reported by the mili-

A U.S. Marine was killed Saturday in Irag's Anbar province.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ No identifications reported.

wounded and the tank sustained negligible Iraqi Northern Oil Company near one of its Kirkuk oilfields, officials said. No further damage Another suicide car bomber attacked a details were immediately available. U.S. convoy early Sunday on the road be-

Four decapitated bodies in civilian clothes were found south of Baghdad and their identities were unclear, police said. The victims, believed to be Iraqis, were

Report: \$50 bounty offered on coalition troops

CANBERRA, Australia - Contract killers are being offered as little as \$50 to target coalition soldiers in Iraq, the commander of Australian forces said in a newspaper interview published Sunday.

Air Commodore Greg Evens, who took command of Australia's 350 soldiers in Iraq last month, said Iraqi insurgents were hiring assassins from neighboring Middle Eastern countries with the promise of cash payments for every soldier they killed.
"This is a difficult adversary," he told Sydney's The Sunday Tele-

graph newspaper. "The insurgency is not a coherent force."

He added, "We are seeing zealots brought in from outside Iraq and paid \$50 for contract killings. These forces are a general threat to the coalition

Fire at plant knocks out power to much of Iraq

BAGHDAD - A large swath of Iraq lost electricity Sunday after a fire broke out in a major power plant north of Baghdad.

The capital went dark at about 4 p.m. and power was still out at 7

p.m. The only lights in the city were from the Green Zone and a few other places that rely on their own generators.

Witnesses in several other parts of the country — Basra to the

south and Najaf to the southwest — also reported having no power.

Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, speaking in a live call-in show on the Iraqiya television network, said the fire in the Beiji power plant, 155 miles north of Baghdad, was apparently an accident. Yet he also accused Iraq's insurgents of indiscriminate attacks that only hurt regular Iraqis.

"I'd like to say that, unfortunately, some forces working to hurt the country don't make a distinction in their attacks," Allawi said. "They strike the economic positions and the infrastructure network in a way that harms the whole Iraqi society."

Karzai: Bin Laden 'definitely' in region BY STEPHEN GRAHAM

The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan - Afghan President Hamid Karzai said Sunday that Osama bin Laden is "defi nitely" in the region and will eventually be caught, even though American and Pakistani generals insist the trail is cold.

"It's very difficult to say where he is hiding. He cannot be away from this region. He's definitely in this region," Karzai told CNN's Late Edition. "We will get him sooner or later trust me on that

Speculation on bin Laden's whereabouts has long focused on the mountains along the border between Afghanistan and Pakistan, where the al-Qaida leader slipped away from Afghan and U.S. forces three vears ago

Pakistan's army has mounted a series of bloody offensives against foreign fighters near the border this year, and American forces launched a win ter-long operation last week against Taliban rebels on the Afghan side.

But there has been no indication they are close to seizing the suspected mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in the United States that prompted President Bush to launch Operation Enduring Freedom with an assault on Afghanistan.

Pressed in the CNN interview, recorded Sunday

in the Afghan capital, Karzai declined to say whether bin Laden could be in Afghanistan, or in Pakistan.

He said he knew of no suggestion the al-Qaida lead-"But we can definitely say he's around this region and he can't run forever," Karzai said.

er could be in neighboring Iran.

Even though bin Laden remains at large, and Taliban militants continue to kill Afghan and U.S. soldiers despite an offer of amnesty, Karzai has said he is more alarmed at Afghanistan's hooming narcotics industry, which the United Nations says is turning it into a "narco-state.

U.S. and British counter-narcotics experts are training Afghan security forces who have already begun destroying drug stockpiles, smashing refining laboratories and arresting traffickers.

Plans are also being laid to punish farmers by destroying opium poppy crops in key growing regions early next year. Meanwhile, hundreds of millions of dollars are earmarked to help them switch to less lucrative but legal crops.

Karzai said Afghans were "embarrassed" to be the world's biggest suppliers of opium and heroin.

"I promise you, and I like that American people and the rest of the world should know this, that we will fight poppy," he said.

"We know it hurts us, it hurts you, it hurts everybody. So we will fight it.

Soldier: Months later, platoon still mourns

SOLDIER, FROM PAGE 1

Henry attracted children like a magnet Iraqi youngsters swarmed around him, and he could play with them for hours. In the towns where Shadow Platoon patrolled, kids who didn't speak English would run up to the soldiers shouting, "Henry! Henry!" searching every face for their playmate

After the Army, the tattooed sharpshooter planned to become a kindergarten teach-

er.
"He had one of the kindest hearts of any-body I've ever known," said Spc. Travis Harney, 20, of Winchester, Ky., who rode with Henry the day he died

Sept. 20 remains unmarked on MacInnes' calendar

"That day never ended for me." said MacInnes, 22, of Stockton, Calif. "He was Alpha Battery. He defined who we were.

A day like all others

The day began like any other, with Shadow Platoon rising early to escort the battery's executive officer



to Ash Sharqat for a city council meeting. Ash Sharqat lies at the edge of Salah ad Din province, 200 miles

north of Baghdad. Although it is dominated by Sunni Muslims and is in Saddam Hussein's home province, it suffrom neglect fered under his regime because nearly all of its

residents belong to a different tribe from the deposed dictator. The insurgency hadn't taken hold there.

"Usually, (we had) an extremely friendly response in Ash Sharqat," said Capt. Jason Ebert, 25, of Wayne, Pa., who commanded the convoy. That day, he said, started out the same way

The convoy included six Humvees. The 40-mile drive from Summerall to Ash Shargat took more than an hour. The soldiers stood guard until the meeting ended at 12:30 p.m

Oddly, few people milled about in the usually crowded streets after the meeting - often a sign of trouble, because insurgents will frequently put out word when they are planning to attack.

"That was the only thing really out of the ordinary," said Sgt. Eric 44 He was Alpha

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Sgt. Collin MacInnes

Battery A of the 1st

Battalion, 7th Field

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Parsons, 28, of Charleston, W.Va., one of two Army journalists on the trip, from the Ohio-based 196th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment. "It probably put a lot of people (on edge), made them more alert."

A few minutes down the road, in the village of Huni, the soldiers heard gunfire. The convoy stopped, soldiers dismounted, ready to shoot.

ferent entrenched positions

Suddenly, mortars, rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire rained down The insurgents fired from at least five dif-

"That's the first time the enemy seemed like they were intent on fighting," said Staff Sgt. Dan Sowell, 30, of Vidalia, Ga. "Usually they'd just shoot and run.

Within seconds, the whole platoon manned its guns and returned fire Luckily the rebels' first fusillade had missed.

Each Humvee crew picked different tar-



Spc. Joshua Henry was a tattooed bodybuilder who razzed his buddies to no end. But he had a soft spot for children, who were drawn to him like a magnet. He planned to be a kindergarten teacher after leaving the Army. He was killed in an insurgent ambush Sept. 20.

gets with their rifles and mounted machine

"The fight was different for every vehicle," Ebert said. "I thought we could overcome them with the .50-cals."

They did. In the fifth Humvee, for examole, MacInnes, Harney and Spc. Timothy Schrack destroyed first a six-man enemy squad, then a two-man machine gun nest Then they engaged fighters shooting grenades from behind a concrete wall.

'We're getting out of here'

Ebert, in the second vehicle, stood next to Henry, his driver, firing their weapons over the top of the Humvee. But some of

the enemy had maneuvered behind them.

Suddenly a shot knocked Ebert to the ground. He looked and saw that Henry, too had been hit in the side. a bullet passing clear through him where his armored vest was weakest.

"He jerked up," Ebert recalled. "I said to myself, 'Oh [expletive]. He made a noise, but he put the rifle back up on his shoulder. Henry's one of those guys - he's just

strong as an ox. But the rifle fire kept coming. Two more bullets hit Henry in the legs, finally knocking him down. Ebert screamed for a medic. and Sgt. 1st Class Erick Macher, 30, of Sacramento, Calif., pulled his Humvee up next

"We said, 'Screw it, we're getting out of here," MacInnes said

to Henry and loaded him aboard.

The convoy raced off to Tinderbox, a nearby firebase with a tiny aid station. A civilian physician's assistant and a Task

Force 1-7 medic, Spc. Luis Song, 22, of Miami, did all they could to keep Henry

The first bullet collapsed his lung, ruptured his spleen and hit his spine.

"They stuck a needle in [his chest] to try and help him breathe," said Pfc. Kyle Hledinsky, 21, of Elwood City, Pa., who held a pressure dressing on the side wound while Pvt. Shannon Squires, 24, of Virginia Beach, Va., did the same to the badly bleeding leg wound.

A medevac helicopter from Tikrit got there an hour later and took him to the 67th Combat Support Hospital in Tikrit. The platoon started on the long drive back to Summerall without Macher and Henry.

'That was the quietest ride," MacInnes

Meanwhile, medics gave Henry artificial respiration, who was still somewhat alert, Macher said, "I tried to get closer to him, but the medics kent pushing me away.

At the hospital, he waited anxiously outside the emergency

room. Doctors and nurses kept giving him conflicting reports on his friend's condition. Once they came outside, looking for blood donors, but Macher's was the wrong

Two hours after they arrived, a doctor came out with the bad news. Henry had lost too much blood. He didn't make it.

'A Better Place'

Shadow Platoon grieved quietly. The next day, a combat stress team came and talked to them, and two days later the base held a tearful memorial service. The task force commander, Lt. Col. Kyle McClelland, ordered Summerall's gym - Henry's favorite hangout - renamed in his honor.

"I still expect to see him in there sometimes," Ebert said. Henry posthumously earned a Bronze

Star with Valor, as well as a Purple Heart and an Army Commen-

dation Medal. Eight other men, including Schrack and Harney, have been nominated for valor awards.

Ebert wrestles with his conscience. Henry had been assigned to a platoon operating the 1-7 Field Artillery's howitzers, a job that kent him at Summerall

all the time. He begged



Ebert for months to rejoin Shadow Platoon so he could patrol with his buddies. Ebert had relented and moved him just two weeks before the fatal mission.

"It's so hard to lose him," Ebert said. Hledinsky, home in October on his midtour leave, visited Henry's parents, Larry and Perri, and three of his six brothers and

"I was nervous at first. I didn't know what I'd say or what I'd do," Hledinsky said. "But once I met them, I felt like I'd known them my entire life."

sisters at their home in Pennsylvania

MacInnes left Sept. 20 unmarked on his calendar. Back in California, he had once played in a heavy metal band. Now he got out the acoustic guitar and penned a quieter song that expressed his sadness over his lost buddy. He called it "A Better Place."

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Push to speed Humvee production applauded

BY KATARINA KRATOVAC

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — U.S. military commanders in Iraq, where bombings pose the deadliest threat to their soldiers, have welcomed news the Pentagon wants to speed up production of upgraded armored Humvees, a military spokesmen said Saturdav.

spokesmen said Saturday.

The issue of whether the military is providing enough protection for its troops received new attention last week after an Iraq-bound National Guardsman questioned Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld during a visit to neighboring Kuwait on why he and his comrades must scrounge through scrap piles for metal to protect their vehicles.

The Army said Friday it was negotiating with an armor manufacturer, Florida-based Armor Holdings Inc., to accelerate production of upgraded M1114, or Level 1, Humvees. The company said it could boost monthly production from the current 450 vehicles to

550 in February or March.
"Commanders are looking for any opportunity to increase force protection for the sake of their troops," said Maj. Neal O'Brien, spokesman for the Tikrit-based 1st Infantry Division. "Uparmor add-on armor will always be

one of those force protection assets they want more of."

Sgt. Eric Grill, a military spokesman in Baghdad, said the request for boosted production first came in 2003, after homemade roadside bombs — known as improvised explosive devices — emerged as the insurgent

weapon of choice in Iraq.
"We recognized this and changed our tactics to deal with

the enemy," Grill said.

The most coveted Humvee among troops in Iraq is the

M1114, which has protected glass windows and armament on its sides, front, rear, top and bottom. Almost 6.000 such Humyees already are in Iraq, he added. They cost about \$150,000 each.

Lt. Gen. John Sattler, commander of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, says the M1114 is the "best uparmored vehicle in the world." It can stop AK-47 bullets, anti-personnel RPGs and

most roadside bombs and mines.
"We've had those hit with unbelievable improvised explosive devices, where they have blown the
tires and the engine off, crushed
up the back and the four Marines

or soldiers have gotten out, shaken off, and were [back] into the fight," Sattler said. "But sometimes it just takes time to get the assembly line to

produce and I guess you can only go so fast in that area."

The second choice for troops here is to add armor to "soft-skinned" Humvees.

"Add-on armor are prefabricated kits that attach to the outside frame of the Humwees to increase force protection and survivabiliity," O'Brien said. The kits can be added either in the United States or in Iraq. There are 10,000 Humvees with add-on kits in Iraq and Afebanistan.

Sattler said the Humvees with add-on armor were "almost protectionally equal on the ground" to an M1114 and would suffice until the military received more of "uparmored" vehicles.

U.S. soldier wins Afghan marathon

BY AMIR SHAH

TIRIN KOT, Afghanistan—A U.S. soldier won Afghanistan's first marathon Sunday, battling the country's thin mountain air for more than three hours before crossing the finish line, where he promptly burst into tears remembering four comrades killed in recent fighting.

A total of 184 soldiers and civilians working for the U.S. military took part in the race at Firebase Ripley, a remote camp near Tirin Kot in central Uruzgan province, facing high altitude and a bumpy track as well as the threat of attack.

Plastic palm trees among the gun stores and bunkers near the course lightened the mood for the runners, who the Afghan National Olympic Committee said were competing in the first marathon in the war-ravaged country's history.

But the darker side of their mission resurfaced as the winner labored across the finish line after five long laps of the airstrip to cheers and handshakes in 3 hours, 12 minutes and 15 seconds — an impressive time for the conditions.

"I just thought about those four guys when I crossed, that they won't be going home with us, and it kind of hit me," said 1st Lt. Mike Baskin, a native of Santiago, Calif..

The race, which ended nearly three hours before 20,000 people began the Honolulu marathon, was the idea of members of the U.S. Army's 2nd Battalion, 5th Infantry Regiment, based at Schoffeld Barracks in Hawaii, who didn't want to miss out on the

The unit, part of the 25th Infantry Division, is operating in one of Afghanistan's most hostile areas. It suffered its latest casualties when a bomb ripped through a patrol near Deh Rawood, another town in Uruzgan, on Nov. 24, killing two soldiers. A similar attack killed two other soldiers in October.

Helicopters flew troops in from across Afghanistan for the race.

The first woman to finish was Spc. Jill Stevens, a 21-year-old from Utah, whose helicopter battalion is deployed at Bagram Air Base near Kabul.

A young Afghan working for the military, annar-



After battling the country's thin mountain air for more than three hour, Lt. Mike Baskin, of Santiago, Calif., wins Afrhanistan's first marathon Sunday.

ently the first to compete in such a race on Afghan soil, pulled up after one lap, complaining that regular soccer games were no way to prepare.

"These people are very fit, but this is not for an Afghan who only gets tea and bread for breakfast," Mohammed Anwar said, sitting on the ground and looking with concern at his knees. He was the only Af-

ing will contern a ins knees. He was the only Arghan competitor.

All 153 finishers were presented with the same medals, certificates and black sponsored T-shirts as their Honolulu counterparts, and their times are to be recorded and listed in the same booklet.

Marine values ring more than finger

The Associated Press

VICTORVILLE, Calif. — When Marine Lance Cpl. David Battle learned he'd either have to sacrifice his ring finger or the wedding band he wore, he told doctors at a field hospital in Iraq to cut off the finger.

The 19-year-old former high school football star suffered a mangled left hand and serious wounds to his legs in a Nov. 13 for fight in Fallugh. Battle, who is recovering at his parents' home in this desert city 80 miles north-east of Los Angeles, came under attack as he and fellow Marines entered a building. Eleven other Marines were wounded.

Doctors were preparing to cut off Battle's ring to save as much of his finger as they could.

of his finger as they could.

"But that would mean destroying my wedding ring," he said.

"My wife is the strongest woman I know. She's basically running two people's lives since I've been gone. I don't think I could ever repay her or show her how grateful ... how much I love my wife, my soul mate."

With his approval, doctors severed his finger, but somehow in the chaos that followed, they lost his ring.

Although Battle was disappointed, his wife, Devon, said she was honored.

"I can't believe he did that," she said. "At first I was mad when he told me, but then I realized how lucky I am to have him in my life."

The couple, who met in the eighth grade, were married in June, just two weeks before Battle left for Iraq. He hopes to eventually return to the Marines, and to replace his wedding ring, but that will have to wait until he recovers.

In the meanwhile, Battle's high school has planned a banquet in his honor next week.

"We need to make more David Battles," said Daniel Pierce, the school's assistant head coach. "He is one amazing guy."



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IN THE STATES

White House says Kerik never disclosed concerns

BY JIM VANDEHEI AND MIKE ALLEN The Washington Post

WASHINGTON White House officials Saturday blamed Bernard B. Kerik for repeatedly failing to disclose potential legal problems to administration lawvers vetting his nomination to be homeland security secretary, as President Bush prepared to quickly name a replacement and try to put the controversy over the former New York police commis-

sioner's background behind him. Kerik, who withdrew his own nomination Friday and apologized Saturday for embarrassing Bush, was asked numerous times by White House lawyers if he had employed an illegal immigrant or failed to pay taxes on domestic

help, the sources said. Kerik was told he would humiliate his family, himself and the president if he lied on either account, the officials said. He responded with firm denials. After digging deeper, however, Kerik he discovered last week he might have a problem on both ac-counts, and withdrew.

In the vetting process, which

was conducted by the office of White House counsel Alberto R. Gonzales, Kerik also never mentioned that a New Jersey judge had issued a warrant for his arrest in 1998 over a civil dispute over unpaid bills, the sources said. The ex-



cover a warrant Newsweek discovered after a few days of research, although some are blam-ing Bush's insistence on speed and secrecy for failing to catch this and other red flags in Kerik's

background. White House officials said they believed Kerik could have survived a controversy over the war-

rant in a civil matter. Joseph Tacopina, Kerik's lawyer, said his client was not aware from a dispute over roughly \$5,000 in condominium fees.

Still, it was the nanny controver-sy, according to White House officials, that cost Kerik a high-pro-

file job.
"This is my responsibility, this is my mistake," Kerik said outside his home in Franklin Lakes, N.J. in an interview broadcast by CNN

Bush plans to move quickly to name a replacement, although the few White House officials with knowledge of the short list would not speculate who it will be.

Other Republicans inside and out the White House said poten-tial replacements include White House homeland security advises Frances Fragos Townsend; White House deputy chief of staff for op-erations Joseph Hagin; Asa Hutchinson, undersecretary for transnortation and horder security at Homeland Security and Environmental Protection Agency Admin-istrator Michael Leavitt. An announcement is expected before

Washington Post writer John Mintz and researcher Karl Evanzz contributed to

O'Keefe, head of NASA, applies for new job with LSU

NEW ORLEANS - NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe has applied for a new job, as chancellor of Louisiana State University's main campus in Baton Rouge, and his application has

been put on a fast track. He will meet Thursday with the committee looking for someone to fill the \$500,000-a-year iob, search committee chairman

Joel Tohline said. System president and acting chancellor William Jenkins 'has had his eye on O'Keefe for quite some time," Charles Zewe spokesman for the LSU Board

of Supervisors, said Sunday. The Houston Chronicle, citing sources it did not identify, said O'Keefe was poised to step down as NASA chief, and that an announcement regarding his future could come as early as

O'Keefe, 48, declined to com-ment to the Chronicle.

O'Keefe taught business administration and management State universities before becoming secretary of the Navy and then NASA's chief. He is from New Orleans, about an hour's

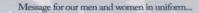
drive from Baton Rouge His tenure at NASA has included the investigation of the loss of the shuttle Columbia, which broke up during a descent from orbit.

He has recently been criticized by scientists for insisting that he will not risk astronauts to make repairs needed to keep the 14-year-old Hubble Space

Telescope in operation. O'Keefe is among a number of people being heavily recruited by LSU, but will be the first interviewed by the search committee, Tohline said. He said the committee could vote Thursday on whether to recommend him to the Board of Supervisors.

The LSU position has been vacant since June when Mark Emmert left for the University of Washington

LSU's Baton Rouge campus has 31,500 of the system's 60,000 students.



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U.S. taps into IAEA director's phone calls

BY DAFNA LINZER The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration has dozens of intercepts of Mohamed Elbaradei's phone calls with Iranian diplomats and is scrutinizing them in search of ammunition to oust him as director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, according to three U.S. officials.

cording to three U.S. officials. The diplomatic offensive will not be easy. The administration has failed to come up with a candidate willing to oppose ElBaradei, who has run the agency since 1997, and there is disagreement among some senior officials on how hard to push for his removal.

Although eavesdropping, even on allies, is considered a well-worn tool of national security and diplomacy, the efforts against ElBaradei demonstrate the lengths some within the administration are willing to go to replace a top international diplomat who questioned U.S. intelligence on Iraq and is now taking a cautious approach on Iran.

The intercepted calls have not produced any evidence of nefari-

ing to three officials who have read them.

But some within the administration believe they show ElBaradei lacks impartiality because he tried to help Iran navigate a diplomatic crisis over its nuclear programs. Others argue the transcripts demonstrate nothing more than standard diplomacy. "Some people think he sounds way too soft on the Iranians, but that's about it," said one official with access to the intercepts.

In Vienna, where the IAEA is headquartered, officials said they were not surprised about the eavesdropping. "We've always assumed that this kind of thing goes on," said IAEA spokesman Mark Gwozdeckv. The IAEA, often called the UN's nuclear watchdog agency. Coordinates nuclear safety around the world and monitors materials that could be diverted for weapons use. It has played pivotal investigative roles in four major irises in recent years: Iran, Iraq, North Korea and the nuclear black market run by one of Pakistan's to scientists.

UAE teams with U.S. to secure cargo

BY JEANNINE AVERSA The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United Arab Emirates is the first country in the Middle East to participate in a U.S. program intended to safeguard sea cargo from terrorists, U.S. customs officials said Sunday,

For the first time, U.S. customs inspectors will be stationed at the port of Dubai to screen sea cargo headed for America, the officials said. It's part of a U.S. initiative begun in January 2002 amid heightened concerns about sea cargo security after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The program seeks to prevent

cargo from being used by terrorists to smuggle themselves or weapons into the United States.

"The UAE has acknowledged the absolute importance of securing cargo against terrorists," said Robert Bonner, commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection

Adding the Dubai port to the program is seen as important because of the port's strategic position in Middle Eastern shipping and transport. More than half of the Sept. 11 highcakers flew directly from Dubai to the United States in the final stages for the attack, according to a report on the attacks. Also, some of the money used by Dubai banks.

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Since the attacks, the UAE has taken steps to combat terrorism, including making high-profile arrests and passing an anti-moneylaundering law.

U.S. customs authorities said a small team of U.S. inspectors will go to the port of Dubai, but they did not say when that would happen. Countries participating in the program also may station customs inspectors in the United States.

The customs agency said there are 32 ports participating in the Container Security Initiative program, including some in Japan, Germany, Malaysia and Canada.



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'This was my family'

Biracial daughter of Sen. Strom Thurmond tells of a lifetime in the shadows in new book

BY AMY GEIER EDGAR The Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. - "I always thought I had a fairly normal childhood, until I found out my parents weren't who I thought they were.

So begins the autobiography of Essie Mae Washington Williams, the daughter of the longtime U.S. senator, Strom Thurmond, and a 16-year-old black maid who worked at his

family's home. Williams, now 79, came forward a year ago, after Thurmond's death, with the secret she had held for more than 70 years. Her upcoming book. "Dear Senator: A Memoir by the Daughter of Strom Thurmond," deals frankly with her relationship with the one-time segregationist who privately acknowledged her as

his child but never spoke of her publicly. Williams confronted Thurmond about his support of segregation, but watched with disappointment as his political star rose in the 1940s and '50s. "He became an outright racist, cloaked in the ancient doctrine of states' rights," she wrote

The book, co-written with William Stadiem. is set to be released Jan. 27 by ReganBooks, a

Mary and John Washington. Her world changed at age 13 when Mary Washington's sister, Carrie Butler, told Essie Mae that she was her biological mother.

division of HarperCollins Publishers Williams was raised in Coatesville, Pa., by

"Dear Senator: A Memoir by the Daughter of Strom Thurmond" sits among other books about the late senator. In "Dear Senator," Thurmond's biracial daughter Essie Mae Washington Williams deals frankly with her relationship with the one-time segregationist who privately acknowl-

of her publicly.

edged her as his

child but never spoke



A few years later, when she returned to Thurmond family's hometown, Edgefield, S.C., for a funeral, Butler took her to a local law office where she first met Thurmond.

"He never called my mother by her first name. He didn't verbally acknowledge that I was his child. He didn't ask when I was leaving and didn't invite me to come back. It was like an audience with an important man, a job interview, but not a reunion with a father,'

It was the first of many visits between Thurmond and Williams

During one visit around 1946, Thurmond offered to pay her tuition at an all-black college in Orangeburg, now known as South Carolina State University.

Moving to the school in the South meant she had to adapt to a segregated culture. The black students rarely left campus and, when they did, they were forced to sit in the backs of buses and visit only certain restaurants and

Many of her classmates came from prosperous black families. While they talked about

their fathers' jobs, Williams held back. Williams watched her father's career from afar. She attended his gubernatorial inauguration in January 1947 with her classmates. She watched her father and his family

"This was my family, but I didn't know them and they didn't know me," she writes. Thurmond said segregation laws were needed to protect the purity of the races.



2003 that she is the daughter of the longtime U.S. senator. Strom Thrumond, and a 16-year-old black maid who worked at his family's home.

"I wasn't sure if this was my father talking

or the ghost of Adolf Hitler," she wrote. When Thurmond ran for president as the State's Rights Party candidate during the 1948 election, he said: "All the laws of Washington and all the bayonets of the army cannot force the Negro race into our theaters, our

swimming pools, our schools, our churches, our homes Nearly a decade later, he set the Senate record for filibustering when he spoke against a bill to end discrimination in housing

On one visit, Williams asked Thurmond how he could say such things about blacks. She said blacks were treated unfairly, but he defended it as the culture and custom of the

Over the decades, Williams tried to reconcile the fiery politician with the man who treat-ed her kindly, providing money for her and her family.

"It's not that Strom Thurmond ever swore me to secrecy. He never swore me to any-thing. He trusted me, and I respected him, and we loved each other in our deeply repressed ways, and that was our social contract," she wrote.

Thurmond eventually softened his political stance and renounced racism.

Williams, who taught in public schools for 27 years, said Thurmond's death in 2003 at age 100 left her unsettled. Her own daughter encouraged her to make her story public, and Thurmond's family soon acknowledged her

"In a way, my life began at 78, at least my life as who I really was, without the subterfug-es of the previous 65 years," Williams wrote. "I may have called it 'closure,' but it was much more like an opening, a very grand

10-year-old girl handcuffed for having scissors in school

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA

10-year-old girl was placed in handcuffs and taken to a police station because she took a pair of scissors to her elementary

School district officials said the fourth-grade student did not threaten anyone with the 8-inch shears, but violated a rule that considers scissors to be a poten-

tial weapon. Administrators said they were following state law when they called police Thursday, and police said they were follo

ing department rules when they handcuffed Porsche Brown and took her away in a natrol wagon "She had no idea what she did was wrong," said her mother, Rose Jackson. "I think that was way too harsh. olice officers decided the

girl hadn't committed a crime and let her go. However, school officials sus-

pended her for five days.

Administrators will decide at

a hearing whether she may return to class, or be expelled to a special disciplinary school.

The scissors were discovered

while students' belongings were being searched for property missing from a teacher's desk.

School district officials have promised a crackdown on unruly students this year, and new policies give administrators the power to expel students for in-fractions as minor as violating the dress code, chronic tardiness or habitual swearing.

Searchers comb hills for missing Ore. hunter

By JOSEPH B. FRAZIER The Associated Press

BEAVER, Ore. — Kristen Chil-dress was looking forward to celebrating her sixth wedding anniversary on Saturday. Instead, she spent the day in mountainous ter-rain looking for her husband, who vanished while elk hunting nearly two months ago.

At one time, some 300 searchers - including sheriff's deputies from seven Oregon counties combed the steep gullies, old growth timber forests and dense undergrowth of northwest Ore-gon for signs of Jeromy Childress, who disappeared Oct. 17.

On Saturday, some 80 volunteers tried once more to find signs of Childress. The volunteers were mostly hunters themselves, some of whom know what it's like to be lost in the rugged area.

Kristen Childress said her hus-band, a 31-year-old industrial bridge painter, and two others lost track of camp looking for fire-wood on Oct. 16 and spent the night in their truck. The next afternoon, Childress headed into the woods on a hunch he could find the camp himself.

He had a rifle, a pocketknife and half a pack of Marlboros.

Kristen Childress said her hus band probably kept moving on that foggy, rainy afternoon, even after dark, to stay warm. Depu-ties who searched the area, about 50 miles west of Portland, called it some of the roughest territory in the Northwest.

"If he hunkered down behind a

log, he might have lasted a couple of days," said Tillamook County Sheriff's Deputy Don Taylor. "If he fell and had a compound fracture or was bleeding badly, he died that night.

For days after he disappeared, Childress' wife stayed in the mountains with the search teams, going home only occasionally to see her children. She said with bad weather and shorter days, the search Saturday probably would be the last until spring.

"I can hold on to that little bit of hope a little bit longer," she said. "But I know what reality is."

People who knew Jeromy Chil-dress said he would not have run away. His wife dismissed the

away. His wife dishinsed the thought immediately. "Everybody we talked to said he loved his wife and kid. He loved his job," Taylor said.

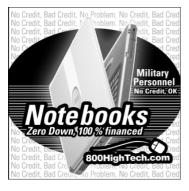
Oregon will not issue a death certificate for a missing person, so she cannot get insurance benefits, or sell her husband's truck or boat to help with expenses. At some point, she said, she will have to go before a judge and have him declared deceased. She said she doesn't know when she'll

be ready to do that.

In the meantime, Kristen Childress has been trying to explain her husband's disappearance to the couple's 3-year-old daughter, Kelsy. They also have an 8-month-old son.
"I tell her he is in her heart and

in the stars," she said. "She makes wishes to the stars

and says, 'I love you.



IN THE WORLD



Ukrainian presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko and his wife, Kateryna, take questions at a Vienn clinic on Sunday in Austria, where doctors found out that his illness was caused by dioxin poisoning.

Yushchenko heading home after treatment in Austria

Calls for investigation of poisoning after new election

BY SUSANNA LOOF The Associated Press

VIENNA, Austria - Ukrainian presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko called for an investigation into who poisoned him with dioxin but said Sunday it should wait until after this month's presidential run-off, as he checked out of a Vienna clinic where the poisoning was diag-

Doctors at the clinic called the poisoning potentially a "criminal case" but OK'd Vushchenko's return to the campaign trail.

The opposition leader is facing a new runoff vote on Dec. 26, ordered by Ukraine's Supreme Court, which ruled that results that named Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovych the winner in the initial vote on Nov. 21 were tainted by fraud.

Yushchenko fell ill Sept. 5 and had been treated at Vienna's elite Rudolfiner clinic twice before, but it was tests performed since he checked in Friday night that provided conclusive evidence that he had been poisoned, said hospital director Dr. Michael Zimnfer

Wearing his trademark orange campaign scarf, Yushchenko flashed the peace sign out of the window of his car before driving off from the clinic. He was expect ed to fly back to Kiev later in the

Yushchenko has accused Ukrainian authorities of poisoning him but told reporters he does not want to talk further about the allegation until after the runoff vote has been rerun on Dec. 26

"I don't want this factor to influence the election in some way --either as a plus or a minus," he

"This question will require a great deal of time and serious in-vestigation. Let us do it after the election - today is not the mo-

Doctors said had the dose of dioxin been greater, it could have been fatal but that Yushchenko is now getting better and can return to the campaign trail.

Abbas apologizes for Palestinians' support of Saddam

BY DIANA ELIAS

KIIWAIT CITY - Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas apologized to Kuwaitis on Sunday for the Palestinians' support of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein after the 1990 invasion of Kuwait, making a gesture many here have long demanded as he launched a tour to repair relations with Arab nations.

Asked by reporters about Palestinian support for Saddam's inva-sion, Abbas responded: "Yes, we apologize for what we have

The Kuwaiti government, in a reconciliation gesture to the new Palestinian leadership, had said Abbas was welcome and apolo gies were not important. Abbas is widely expected to be elected in January to succeed Yasser Arafat, who died in November and had stormy relations with many Arab leaders at one time or another.

However, Abbas' visit remained controversial in Kuwait. A group of lawmakers said in a statement Saturday that they "absolutely reject the visit ... before the PLO offers an official apology

to the Kuwaiti people for the sin it committed against Kuwait It wasn't immediately clear if Abbas' brief remarks at the air-

port would satisfy the lawmakers As PLO leader, Arafat supported Iraq in its 1990 invasion of this oil-rich country and opposed the subsequent U.S.-led Gulf War that liberated it. He never visited

Some 450,000 Palestinians lived in Kuwait before the inva-

Most were expelled or pres-



Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas answers questions from journalists after arriving at Kuwait International Airport on Sunday.

sured to leave after the country was liberated. Scores of Palestin ians were convicted after the war for collaborating with Iraqi occu-

Kuwait, however, continued to provide financial aid to the Palestinian people through the Arab League and international organizations. Prime Minister Sheik Sahah Al Ahmed Al Sahah also said Saturday that the matter of the Palestinian leadership's sup-port for Saddam "has been

Asked then if Kuwait was going to demand an apology, Sheik Sabah said, "Why are we talking about apologies?"

While serving as prime minis-

ter last year, Abbas condemned the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in an interview with the state-owned Kuwait News Agency. He said the Palestinian leadership's position was "incorrect" and he understood why Kuwaitis were "angry and reproachful." He stopped short of apologizing.

Iran acknowledges convicting Iranians for al-Qaida ties BY NASSER KARIMI

The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran - Iran acknowledged for the first time Sunday that it has convicted some Iranian nationals of supporting al-Qaida, saying the number was fewer

The United States has accused Iran of harboring al-Qaida operatives, with some ILS counterterrorism officials alleging gime may have developed working relationships with some senior al-Qaida officials who fled to Iran after the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan. Iran has rejected the accu-

"A few pro-al-Qaida Iranian nationals have been tried and convicted," Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi told reporters

Their number he said is less than "the

to the official Islamic Republic News Agen-

He did not give details, including when they were convicted, what sentences they had received or what sort of support they had provided Osama bin Laden's terror

Asefi said cases of foreign nationals in Iran with alleged links to al-Qaida are still under investigation and no trial dates have

Iran has said it would try al-Qaida operatives in Iranian custody whose nationalities were not clear and who were not claimed by any country. It also has said it would try any al-Oaida figures accused of committing crimes in Iran.

Iran maintains it is committed to fighting al-Qaida, and insists it has significantly contributed to the war on terror by arrest ing al-Oaida suspects

Russian politicians, activists unite to oppose Putin's reforms increasingly authoritarian rule

BY MARIA DANILOVA

The Associated Press

MOSCOW - More than 1,000 activists, politicians and prominent Kremlin critics gathered on Sunday — Russia's Constitution Day - to seek solidarity in fighting for democracy and human rights and oppose what they called President Vladimir Putin's

The meeting made for an unusu-

al alliance of liberals and communists who joined in urging broad public opposition to a series of Kremlin-sponsored political reforms that critics say will strengthen Putin's grip on the country at the expense of democracy

"These are all very different people, but we have been united thorities' outright encroachment on our rights," respected rights activist said Lyudmila Alexeveva said at the opening of the All-Russian Civil Congress for Democracy and Against Dictatorship.

"If we don't show solidarity in defending our rights, we will lose every single one of them," said Alexeveva, head of the Moscow Hel-

As the congress met, the Kremlin announced that Putin had signed one of his proposed reforms - a bill scrapping gubernatorial elections — into law. The other main proposal, which would end the election of direct election of national lawmakers, is

expected to pass through the

loval parliament easily.

response to terrorist attacks in August and September that killed more than 450 people. Critics warn that they could violate Russia's constitution, which was adopted in 1993 under Putin's predecessor Boris Yeltsin and was considered one of the main democratic achievements of his troubled rule

Philippine market blast kills 15

BY JIM GOMEZ The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines - A powerful explosion ripped through an outdoor market packed with Christmas shoppers in the southern Philippines on Sunday, killing at least 15 people and injuring 58 others, the military said

A homemade bomb or a grenade concealed in a box went off in the market's meat section in General Santos city. Officials immediately stepped up security, fearing more attacks in the port city 620 miles south of Manila.

"This is a terrorist attack by any measure," Philippine Sen. Richard Gordon, who heads the Philippine Red Cross, told ABS-CBN television. He criticized the military and police for failing to prevent the attack despite what he said was intelligence information of an imminent terror strike in the city.

"I'm getting reports from some of our people there that they knew there was a plan to pull this off but still it happened," Gordon said. "They need to bolster their spying and their surveillance of places that should be under guard."

Army Col. Medardo Geslani. who heads a regional anti-terrorism force, said no group claimed responsibility and it was not yet clear if terrorist groups were involved. "It was most possibly caused by an improvised explosive device," Geslani said.

Islamic and communist rehels operate in provinces near General Santos, and despite a crackMuslim militants are believed to still have a presence in the predominantly Christian city of 500.000

Police investigator Capt. Maximo Sebastian said three people were instantly killed by Sunday afternoon's bomb blast and other victims died in hospitals.

"The market was packed with people because there were Christmas flea market stalls there, and the explosion was powerful," Sebastian told The Associated Press by telephone

Japanese: Sanctions can hurt N. Korea

By AUDREY MCAVOY The Associated Press

TOKYO — Japanese sanctions on North Korea would have a severe impact on the reclusive communist regime, and could ultimately topple dictator Kim Jong II if China joined in pressuring Pyongyang to abandon its nuclear weapons program, a key ruling party official said Sunday.

Shinzo Abe said Kim could avoid being deposed by following the example of Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi, who a year ago said his country would dismantle its programs for weapons of mass destruction and allow U.N., American and British inspectors to visit the facilities.

"If he doesn't make that choice, then there could be regime change. He must realize this." Abe said on a TV Asahi debate program.

Abe, the acting secretary-general of the Liberal Democratic Party, did not elaborate on how Kim might be removed from power.

He argued, however, that economic sanctions favored by most Japanese would deal a serious blow to the impoverished communist state.

Pressure is mounting on Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi to ban North Korean ships from Japanese ports, prohibit cash remittances to the communist state or impose other sanctions in an attempt to force Pyongyang to release information on Japanese kidnapped by Pyong-vang in the 1970s and 1980s.

Man-made assets OK for Chinese beauties

The Associated Press

BELIING - Nineteen finalists in China's first beauty pageant for women who have had plastic surgery took to the stage Sunday in a parade of glittering gowns and plunging necklines.

The contestants, heavily made up with hair expertly teased, waved and posed as they were presented to reporters before a week of preparations for the Dec. 18 final

The competition and its novel pitch is another sign of China's increasing fixation with beauty as the country grows more prosperous and its people more conscious about looking good at any cost.

In the larger cities, cosmetic surgery has become the norm as more women - and some men go under the knife to improve their looks.

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Euro (Dec. 13)	0.7358
British pound (Dec. 13)	\$1.97
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Bahrain (Dinar)	0.377
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Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.774
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Contestants for China's first beauty contest for women who have had plastic surgery pose for photographers Sunday during a Beijing press conference. Nineteen contestants from around China will take part in the final contest Dec 18.

'Before, I couldn't imagine that my self-confidence." was possible to have places where the old could become young and the ugly could become beautiful," said Liu Yulan, who at 62, is the oldest contestant.

She has had a face lift and surgery on her evelids. "I'm not here for a prize," said ages

Liu, who was wearing a formfitting carmine Mandarin-collar

The idea for the competition

took shape shortly after an 18-year-old woman was disqualified from a Chinese beauty pageant earlier this year because she had had plastic surgery. She sued unsuccessfully for emotional dam-

Han Wei, one of the organizers, said there had been more than 90 dress with silver beading. "I want applicants from other countries into show my attitude of my heart, cluding the United States and cause they weren't serious about the contest or had language or scheduling problems.

"This contest shows women's strong pursuit of beauty," she said. "We would like to use it to unveil the mystery of man-made beauty and let society have a complete understanding of every as-

Other individual prizes will also be awarded for best figure and best stage demeanor.

Liu Xiaojing, a 21-year-old finalist from the northeastern city of Harbin, was a man three years ago but doesn't feel that it makes a difference to her chances in the competition.

"Becoming beautiful is the wish of everyone," said Liu, who was wearing a strapless tur-quoise dress, "I am now legally a woman and this contest is my first formal step toward woman-Liu, who hadn't told organizers

that she was a transsexual because no one had asked, revealed that she used to be a man on Sunday in front of reporters. Han said Liu's case was being dis-cussed and no decision had been made on whether she still qualified as a contestant

ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

Selling your home in winter

NEW YORK - Selling a home in wintertime can be challeng-

You can't dazzle prospective buyers with flowerbeds in the yard or with a freshly mowed lawn but there are some things vou can do to make vour home welcoming, even in the freezing cold

Be sure that the walk is always shoveled and that walking surfaces are ice-free, write Shel ley O'Hara and Nancy D. Lewis in their new book, "The Com-plete Idiot's Guide to Buying and Selling a Home."

Clip any dead or ice-laden tree branches. Dead trees make your home look unappealing. Ac-

cumulation of snow or ice on branches, or even strong winds. can cause weak limbs to break. Ice-covered limbs can be particularly damaging to your home or car, not to mention dangerous to you and your visitors.

You might also use holiday decorations to your advantage. However, you should make sure that your home is decorated tastefully. Go for a joyful look with simple lights, wreaths and

Inside, keep holiday clutter to a minimum by selecting only a few of your favorite pieces to put on display. O'Hara and Lewis ex-plain that you want people to re-member the features of your home - not your motorized singing Santa Claus

Pope enters debate on Christmas traditions

VATICAN CITY - Pope John Paul II added his voice to a debate over whether Italian public schools should cut back on Christmas tradi-tions honoring the birth of Jesus, saying Sunday they are an important element of culture and faith. Among the controversies getting heavy media coverage in Italy are a

teacher's decision to let Muslim students substitute the word "virtue for "Jesus" during a Christmas recital and another school's offering of "Little Red Riding Hood" instead of the traditional Nativity pageant.

Swiss railways introduce faster services

GENEVA - The famously punctual Swiss railways introduced a new timetable Sunday, including more and faster services between major cities.

When the ambitious Rail 2000 project was approved in a 1987 national referendum, it aimed to provide more "frequent, faster, more direct and more comfortable services," the state-owned Swiss railway company SBB said on its Web site.

12-year-old boy charged with raping teacher

DURHAM, England — Police in northeast England said Sunday they have charged a 12-year-old boy with raping his schoolteacher. The boy allegedly attacked the woman after receiving personal tuition from her at a school in County Durham, a spokesman for Durham

The victim claimed she was raped Nov. 29 during a lunchtime one-to-one teaching session and that the boy then stole her car, which was later found abandoned, the spokesman said.

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Hats off to Air Force hospital

I enjoyed the article "A battle to save Fallujah wounded" (Nov. 26).

As the head nurse of the emergency medical treatment section of the 31st Con bat Support Hospital in Baghdad for al-most a year. I very much identify with the Balad Air Base, Iraq, Air Force Theater Hospital's learning curve and the stress of emergent, life-saving, stop-the-bleeding-and-pain patient care.

We have been through mass-casualty event after mass-casualty event, interrupting the course of death of hundreds of combat casualties fresh from battle. I have an Air Force major friend who fervently reminded me that this kind of support was not doctrinal.

Hmmm? That is a handy doctrine. I am very appreciative of the Air Force's significant contributions to the medical compo nent of the ground war and stepping out of what my friend relates is the USAF doctrinal box. I am. however, tickled to steal a line from their recruiting commercial:

"We've been waiting for you I was beginning to think we had a war and didn't invite the Air Force hospitals. Thanks to USAF Hospital Balad! This is

the beginning of a beautiful relationship. Lt. Col. Greg Kidwell Baghdad

It's freedom of speech

In response to the writer of "Start acting like soldiers" (letter, Nov. 26): You failed to realize that the opportunity to voice your opinion is what made America great.

I agree that some things in the opinion section of Stars and Stripes are not worth bringing up, but that is freedom of speech.

And just because you think your job is more important than anyone else's. I suggest you think again. Yes, I am in Kuwait but spend most of my time moving equipment in Iraq. We have lost one soldier and have had many injuries. We've had trucks blown out from under several drivers and still pushed on

We drive heavy-equipment transporters, the slowest trucks on the road, moving so-called important people to every place in Iraq. But when the job is done, we come back and do maintenance and, in most cases, get ready to go again with little or no warning

So get off your high horse, act like the noncommissioned officer you are supposed to be, and stop worrying about small stuff in Stars and Stripes.

No one is more professional than I am. I suggest you start living by that, before you say we all sit around collecting a check and sewing on patches.

Everyone has a job, yours is there and mine is here, unfortunately never for long, So the next time you get that "I don't care feeling," keep it to yourself. An NCO, of all people, should know that freedom of speech, freedom of the press, and freedom to whine and cry are what we have been fighting for.

Spc. Robert Bell Camp Arifjan, Kuwait

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I have been in the Army National Guard for 15 years. I was reading the article about the individuals filing a lawsuit against the Army because their term was up and they were still having to serve

Well, my unit got activated in October 2003, and we have been in country since March 2004. My estimated time in service was June 2004 and I'm still here.

Of everything I have ever heard about people suing the government, this is the most ridiculous and unethical thing that has ever struck my attention.

My great-grandfather, my grandfather on both parents' sides, and my father all served in the military. My ETS was June 2004 and no one asked me if I would stay. Staying past your ETS while you're in country defending the honor and respect of the United States has nothing to do with a contract, but has everything to do with duty, loyalty, dignity and, above all, honor.

Did these people get in just for the college money or the extra weekend drill pay that made a loan payment? These people need to think about something: If you just wanted college money, you should have ap plied for a grant. If you just wanted some extra cash, work part time at Burger King. If you wanted to serve your country, then quit whining and serve it with pride, be cause we live in the best country that God could ever create.

These people need to stop playing their silly games and be men about it.

Spc. Shawn Goodwin Taji, Iraq

No sympathy for complainers Each day I open my Stars and Stripes to the letters page to read the whining and

bellyaching about how terrible the military is, how awful it is to live in Europe, gas prices or bad customer service. Why? Letters about customer service

prices or selection should be directed to the company, not Stars and Stripes.

I should also remind all that a large per

centage of employees here are your spous-

es and dependents. Try treating the associates like humans and I guarantee the service will improve. Try going out on the economy and pitching a fit in a German

store. You will be removed from the store. Next, we know Afghanistan, Iraq and Bosnia aren't Club Med. Quit arguing over who has it the worst and complaining about length of deployments, etc. You voluntarily signed on the dotted line (in about 40 different places), so you get no sympa-

If you want to discuss current events intelligently, great! Like Yasser Arafat. I wonder how the world would have reacted if we had shown a film of Americans danc ing in the streets and singing when he died like the Palestinians did after 9/11. Or that basketbrawl. Newsflash: I agree

with the players. Ninety-nine percent of us would have reacted the same if someone walked up and threw something in our face. Just because they make millions doesn't make them superhuman. A few years ago, a woman wrote in com-

plaining about the girlie magazines in Esso stations, going so far as to suggest that since we are here. Germany should adjust to us. That is Americans' fundamental prob

lem. We think the world should accommodate us. This is Deutschland (not Germany, as we call it). The world should never have to change to suit us. We are proud of our freedom just like they are of theirs. Dan Ritch

Mainz-Kastel, Germany

Like adding water to milk

Due to the high military operations tempo, a possible option being discussed is the draft

I have served in the U.S. Air Force for 23 years and never in the past has our military been as good as it is today. Why would we want to change a plan that is working so well?

If we need more troops, instead of drafting, why not look at the pay and benefits package? There have been many days in my 8,000-plus days of service wh wished I was somewhere else or could be doing something else. But I volunteered, I want to be wherever the Air Force sends me and, wherever I go, I do my best, just the same as all other members of the mili-

I have seen it over and over that fewer willing workers get a job done faster and better than more unwilling workers. Instituting a draft would be like adding water to a glass of milk. Yes, you have more milk, but it's thin and nowhere near as good as the milk you started with.

My commentary in no way disparages the memory of those in the 1970s and before who were drafted, served honorably and died for our nation. In these past times, though, we weren't seeing naked breasts on TV [broadcasts of] Super Bowl games or listening to Eminem when our high school basketball teams took the court. Times, people, culture have all changed.

Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Kierstead Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan

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OPINION

In Kuwait, Rumsfeld didn't let his Guard down

world could the secretary of defense be called on the carpet by an enlisted soldier

"Why do we soldiers have to dig through local landfills for Jack Kelly pieces of scrap metal and com-



promised ballistic glass to up-armor our vehicles?" Spc. Thomas Wilson of the Tennessee Army Guard asked

feld. who stopped to visit the troops in Kuwait [last week] on his way back from the inauguration of Afghan President Hamid Karzai

Wilson's question (which had been suggested by a reporter embedded with the unit) was greeted with shouts of approval and ap-plause from the 2,300 mostly reserve soldiers who had come to hear Rumsfeld speak.

Rumsfeld's response - that the Army is working as fast as it can to put armor on Humvees and larger trucks - is the truth, but is of cold comfort to soldiers who will be moving into Iraq in the next few weeks without it. "You go to war with the Army

you have, not the Army you might

want or wish to have at a later a clearly uncomfortable Rumsfeld told Wilson.

Liberals delighted in Rumsfeld's discomfort. "We're used to hearing Defense Secretary Donald Rums feld answer questions about things that went wrong in Iraq by saying they went right," said The New Vork Times in an editorial

"When he does that to reporters, it's annoying. When he does it to troops risking their lives in his failed test of bargain-basement warfare, its outrageous."

Rumsfeld was better received by the troops than news accounts indicated, said a sergeant who was

"The mood in the hangar was much more of good will, with soldiers packing around the secretary as if he was a movie star to shake his hand or get a picture at the end," Sgt. Chris Missick said. "I wouldn't translate one very tough question into a grill session

The Times imputes negligence to Rumsfeld, but the reasons why the 278th Regimental Combat Team of the Tennessee Army National Guard will be moving into Iraq largely without armor for its soft-skinned vehicles long predated the current administration.

The primary reason is that the war in Iraq is very different from the kind of war the Army has been preparing for decades to fight. The war for which the Army had

in any war

planned was a war with the Soviets on the central German plain

In that war there would be a front line, manned by tanks and armored fighting vehicles, and a rear area, in which trucks would bring beans, bullets and gas to the front-line units.

Before the Iraq war, there were no plans to armor logistics vehi-cles. But in this war, which the enemy wages largely by attacking convoys with remotely detonated bombs, it is the "rear area" troops who are in the greatest danger.

The Army is trying to adapt to the new reality as fast as it can. Automatic weapons have been mounted on trucks that never carried them before. Support troops are receiving infantry training, some thing only the Marines had done in the past. And the plants that manufacture kits to armor Humvees and trucks are working overtime to meet the need. But there is a regrettable, but inevitable, lapse of time between when an order is placed and when it can be filled

The other problem is that in the Army, reserve soldiers have been stepchildren, subsisting, in large measure, on hand-me-downs. The newest equipment goes to the active forces first.

This was a sensible enough distribution of resources when the Reserve and National Guard were standby forces. It's not so sensible when 40 percent of all the troops



serving in Iraq today are reservists, a percentage that could rise to more than 50 percent after the troop rotation scheduled for this

Our heavy reliance on the Guard and Reserve raises more-pressing questions than who gets first dibs on new equipment. Future wars are more likely to resemble Iraq than the fight with the Soviets that

things we need to fix with regard to the size, structure, equipping and employment of reserve forces It's important to do this quickly. It's more important to do it right. Jack Kelly is the national affairs writer for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the Toledo (Ohio) Blade, A former Marine and Green Beret, he was a deputy assistant secretary of the Air Force in the Reagan administration. His colum appears weekly in Stars and Stripes.

never came. There are a lot of

Down the road, GIs must be allowed to shoot straight

omewhere in Iraq today is a U.S. soldier, probably several, who will run for the Senate

Dozens of American soldiers and Marines, who at this moment are wondering

Robert Steinback

if tomorrow will be the day they are introduced to a sniper's bullet or a roadside bomb will one day vie for seats in the House of Representatives.

A future presidential candidate might have participated in harrowdoor-to-door sweeps during the bloody fight for Fallu-

iah last month. Their courage and

valor will be rightfully extolled. But will those who are putting their lives on the line in Iraq also earn the right to speak freely about it? Or will America's burgeoning obsession with PC - that's patriotically correct speech - stifle even those whose accounts and opinions of the war will matter most to history because they were acquired firsthand? Will Iraq war veterans be castigated tomorrow for criticizing the war they bravefight today? I was riveted by the series "Six Days in Fallujah" by Knight Ridder reporter Tom Lasseter, who describes in breath-stilling detail the experience of the Army 1st Infantry Division's Alpha Company, led by Capt. Sean Sims, as it prosecuted the battle to subdue the insurgent-controlled Sunni city.

"Sims' men would win the hattle." Lasseter wrote, "vet no one would feel like celebrating. Killing the enemy, they learned was sobering. More so was the loss of friends."

Sims himself did not survive the mission Experiencing the fear, rage, courage hearthreak and camaraderie of war through a reporter's eyes is but one step removed from the most-personal accounts possible those of the armed forces members themselves. In coming years, we will hear their accounts of Iraq, with all the drama, tragedy, humor, pathos, shock and triumph found

We also will hear their opinions about the war Was it done right? Did we have to be there? Was it all worth it? Lasseter's series reminds us that no one can return from war unscarred. Our soldiers and Marines in Iraq will come home with tormented souls, desperate for validation that some greater nurpose was served by the killing they had to do, the fear they had to bear, and the death and destruction they had to witness.

Will they be soothed by stateside pronouncements that they were fighting for America's freedom, fighting to defend our nation? Will elections in Iraq - whenever they should occur - reassure them that the necessary and worthwhile? Will they be able find a place of serenity within their souls where their wartime deeds will be vindicated by knowledge of a greater good that was served? Or, having personally tasted war the pathetic frailty of the human body against the materiel of combat, the acrid odor of expended explosives, the terror of children caught in the crossfire the death the death, the death - will they question the justification for it? This is where I ache, in advance, for our fighting men and women.

America's new affinity for patriotic cor-

rectness leaves precious little room to publicly question the predetermined components of patriotism — not even by veterans. Even they will be accused of disloyalty if they don't praise the leaders who insisted on war, or fail to agree that any war America fights is righteous and justified.

If a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom says he believes the war was a waste will he

he smeared by talk-show hosts who never shot at anything more dangerous than a golf green? If a future testifier before Congress tells of atrocities he witnessed in Iraq, will some well-paid political spin doctor later denounce him for turning on his fellow soldiers? Will a future candidate be Kerrified by Fallujah Veterans for Truth, who will allege that he or she didn't bleed enough to have earned this or that medal? A generation from now, we'll be trampling on the memory of Iraq just as we are the history of Vietnam today - particularly if the current war turns out no better.

"Six Days in Fallujah" is a stark reminder that soldiers are not machines or comic-book figures. While they are honor-bound now to follow orders and leave the decision-making to others, that won't always be so. Their time to express their real stories and their true opinions will come. But will we want to hear them?

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Mallard Fillmore

By BRUCE TINSLEY



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9:00	Stanley "The Big Spill" Sagwa-Siamese Cat	Movie "Her Hidden Truth" (1995, Drama) Kellie Martin, A.	Dr. Phil	Jeopardy! Headline News	The Beltway Boys Fox News Watch	SportsCenter Golf Target World Challenge	30-Minute Meals Paula's Home Cooking	Jeopardy! Headline News
9:30	Arthur (EI)	young woman must prove she	(9:46) Oprah Winfrey	ESPNews	Bulls and Bears	Final Round, From Sherwood	Designers' Challenge	ESPNews
10:00	Reading Rainbow (EI)	is innocent of arson deaths.	(:35) Guiding Light	Advisory Block	Cavuto on Business	Country Club in Thousand	Fashion Emergency	Pacific Report
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11:30	Stanley	"M*A*S*H" (1970, Comedy) Donald Sutherland, Elliott	(:17) General Hospital	Fire			The King of Queens	Fire
12:00	Dora the Explorer	Gould, Sally Kellerman.	Headline News		Dateline NBC		The King of Queens	
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17:00	Aaahh! Real Monsters	Access Hollywood	Jeopardy!	Headline News		SportsCenter	Law & Order "Bait"	Headline News
17:30	Rocket Power "Tito Time"	1	Headline News	The Late Late Show	i			The Late Late Show
18:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	Entertainment Tonight	ESPNews		FOX News		The Simpsons	
18:30	Rugrats Spike is in trouble.	Movie ++× "American Pie 2"	AFN Evening News Survivor: Vanuatu, Islands of	Dennis Miller		NFL Films Presents	Everybody Loves Raymond For Love or Money	Dennis Miller
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22:00	The Cosby Show Home Improvement	suddenly read women's minds.	Headline News The Tonight Show	Good Morning America	Your World With Neil Cavuto	NFL Primetime	Friends Seinfeld "The Serenity Now"	Good Morning America
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2:30	Taina "Sabotage"	(1993) Voices of Kevin Conray.	, ,	Di. Filli	Lehrer	Oregon. (Taped)		Di. Filli
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4:30 5:00	Sesame Street (EI)	Women Want" (2000, Comedy) Mel Gibson, Helen Hunt. A		Judge Judy Access Hollywood	Lou Dobbs Tonight	1	Seinfeld "The Serenity Now" Breathingspace Yoga	Judge Judy Access Hollywood
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7:00	Dragon Tales (EI) Bob the Builder	Access Hollywood	Play With Me Sesame Bear in the Big Blue House	Larry King Live	NewsNight With Aaron Brown	(:11) NFL Total Access	The View	I Spy Animaniacs
7:30 8:00	The Wiggles "The Party"	Entertainment Tonight	Connie the Cow	Braceface "Miami Vices"	BET Nightly News	SportsCenter	Emeril Live	Braceface "Miami Vices"
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9:00	Stanley "Gorilla Sleepover"	Movie ★★% "Monday After	Dr. Phil	Jeopardy!	Nightline	College Basketball Wake For-	30-Minute Meals	Jeopardy!
9:30	Sagwa-Siamese Cat	the Miracle" (1998, Drama) Roma Downey, Moira Kelly.		Headline News	Army Newswatch	est at Temple. (Taped)	Sweet Dreams	Headline News
10:00	Arthur Arthur baby-sits twins.		(9:46) Oprah Winfrey	ESPNews	Hardball With Chris Matthews		Best for Less	ESPNews
10:30	Reading Rainbow (EI) Sagwa-Siamese Cat	(:45) Movie ** "Days of Thunder" (1990, Drama) Tom	(:35) Guiding Light	Advisory Block NFL Football Kansas City	The O'Reilly Factor	SportsCenter	Stripped E News	Pacific Report NFL Football Kansas City
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12:00	Dora the Explorer	challenger enters the world of stock-car racing.	Headline News	From the Coliseum in Nashville, Tenn	FOX News	NBA Basketball Dallas Maver-	That '70s Show	From the Coliseum in Nashville Tenn
12:30	The Wiggles	1	Judge Judy	ioiii.		icks at Chicago Bulls. From the United Center in Chicago.	Girlfriends	POIII.
13:00	Bob the Builder	Movie ** "Guarding Tess" (1994) Shirley MacLaine, An	Today Jim Carrey; Cate Blanchett: Countdown to Christ-		Fox and Friends	(Taped)	Charmed The trapped sisters are beset by their worst fears.	l
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16:00	Pokémon	Washington, Gene Hackman, George Dzundza.	Braceface "Miami Vices"	Late Show	CNN Live Today	1	ER "Tell Me Where It Hurts"	Late Show
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19:00	The Proud Family	Movie * "Coyote Ugly" (2000)	Smallville "Delete"	1	FOX News	NFL Football Kansas City	Star Trek: Enterprise Archer	1
19:30	The Amanda Show	Piper Perabo, Adam Garcia. A struggling songwriter cuts loose		Countdown With Keith Olber- mann	L	Chiefs at Tennessee Titans. From the Coliseum in Nashville	loses his short-term memory.	Countdown With Keith Olber
20:00	Everwood "Snow Job"	in a rowdy New York bar.	Movie "Undercover Christmas" (2003) Jami Gertz, Winston Rekert		FOX News	Tenn.	CSI: Crime Scene Investiga- tion "Lucky Strike"	mann Entertainment Studies com
20:30	Sister, Sister	(8:56) Movie ** * "Wonder	An FBI agent protects a waitress at	Entertainment Studios.com The Hot List	Studio B With Shepard Smith	1	Jamie's Kitchen	Entertainment Studios.com The Hot List
21:30	Sister, Sister	Boys" (2000) Michael Douglas.	his parents' home.	Headline News	1	I	J	Headline News
22:00	The Cosby Show	A writer's personal crises come to a head one weekend	Headline News	Good Morning America	Your World With Neil Cavuto	First and Ten	Friends	Good Morning America
22:30	Home Improvement		The Tonight Show	1		NFL Live	Seinfeld "The Junk Mail"	l
23:00	Touched by an Angel "The Comeback"	Movie *** "Beverly Hills Cop" (1984) Eddie Murphy.	Late Chair		Lester Holt Live	Around the Horn	The Daily Show Blind Date	
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Mike Tyson arrested outside club

Former heavyweight champion Mike Tyson was arrested on suspicion of misdemeanor criminal damage for allegedly jumping on the hood of a car outside a nightclub, police said.

Tyson, who moved to Scottsdale, Ariz., early this year, appeared with lawyers at the city's police station Tuesday afternoon and was released after being given a citation

Scottsdale police Detective Sam Bailey said Wednesday that Tyson likely will make an initial court ap-

pearance within 10 days. Tyson allegedly dented the hood of a car when he jumped on it as its driver was leaving the club around 1

a.m. on Nov. 27 Asaf Alikadic, 22, told police he had stopped his car to let Tyson cross the street when the boxer started screaming and

yelling and then jumped on the hood of the car on his hands and knees and began to pound on it.

New York notables honor Koch

A who's who in New York politics turned out to celebrate former Mayor Ed Koch's 80th birthday at a party at Gracie Mansion

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Sens. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Charles Schumer, and Gov. George Pataki all spoke at Thursday night's bash, at which Bloomberg announced that a gift had been given to establish the Edward I. Koch scholarships at City College, Koch's alma mater

"Simply put, Ed was not only a great mayor and a great source of advice and support to other mayors, he happens to be one of the greatest leaders and politicians in the his-tory of our city," Bloomberg said.

Magazine to appeal costly ruling

Celebrity magazine Hello! plans to appeal a court ruling ordering it to pay more than \$1.9 million to a rival for printing unauthorized photos of Michael Douglas and

Catherine Zeta-Jones, a lawyer for the magazine said

Last year, a judge at the High Court in London ruled that Hello! had breached the Hollywood couple's commercial confidentiality by publishing snatched photos of their November 2000 wedding, Douglas and Zeta-Jones had signed an exclusive deal with rival magazine OK! for rights to pictures of the nuptials at New York's Plaza Hotel. Judge John Lindsay award-

ed the couple token damages of \$28,000, but said OK! was owed more than \$1.9 million for commercial damage to its expected exclusive coverage. Both sides were granted permission to appeal aspects of the judgment

Willis offers land donation for airport

thority meeting last week, offering to donate a portion of land he owns at the eastern end of Camas County, Idaho,

Willis' property along Highway 20 is part of one of three sites being considered. The offer was unexpected,

> The actor, whose screen credits include the "Die Hard" movies, "Pulp Fiction" and "The Sixth Sense," pitched his plan at a meeting Tues-

Mix said the room erupted in applause when Willis announced his intended donation, saying he was concerned with the safety conditions at the present airport.

"Bruce is a fabulously decent man always very concerned about what's good for his community,"

Mix said.
Willis owns part of the proposed site on the Camas Prai rie, she said, though it wasn't clear exactly what he was of-

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Oscar-winning actor Tom Hanks, left, wears digital sensors on his head, hands and face as he performs a scene from "The Polar Express." Hanks' performance was then digitally rendered, right, to create one of his characters in the film.

Hanks takes a ride on 'Polar Express'

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on the performance-capture technology

developed for "The Polar Express"

Director Robert Zemeckis

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES om Hanks used experimental technology to morph into a little boy, a train conductor, a hobo and Santa Claus for the adventure "The Polar Exnress.

This is how he was able to co-star with himself: The two-time Oscar-winner climbed into something like a black wetsuit lined with neon-blue streaks and a tight cap, and had hundreds of glistening white specks on his face. Computers recorded his movements and expressions. which were then transposed onto his various characters.

With just a few more technological evolutions, "The Polar Express" may change the way people consider performance - actors would no longer be constrained by their own bodies.

Harrison Ford could be 80 and still playing a young "Indiana Jones." Sean Connery could play himself circa "Dr. No" in a new James Bond movie. Jack Nicholson could star as a 16-year-old, and Haley Joel Osment could play a geriatric

Actors could swap and trade digital bodies: Tom Cruise could per-form as Humphrey Bogart; Julia Roberts could try Rita Hayworth.

Or Eddie Murphy could easy play every character in a film old, young, heavy, skinny, white, black, male, female — without any makeup or prosthetics.

"The Polar Express" director Robert Zemeckis, renowned for using state-of-the-art effects in his films such as the "Back to the Fu-

ture" trilogy, "Who Framed Roger Rabbit" and "Cast Away." said the breakthrough came about four years ago when Hanks sent him a copy of the slim, beloved 1985 children's book by illustrator Chris Van Allsburg.

The actor wanted to see if it could be made into a film. "I looked at these beautiful paintings and said, 'It's great but how are we going to do a movie like this?" Zemeckis said

"We thought about it, and thought about it and realized the emotion of the book was in the paintings. The story was really interesting but the paintings are what made that book so popular.

"We never thought it was appropriate for 'The Polar Express' to be an animated cartoon," Zemeckis added. "And to do it live-action would not be absolutely true to the emotion of the book. So we came up with this process that we called performance capture. It's digitally rendered, but there's no animation.'

By that method, he said, they were able to create the soft pastel imagery of Van Allsburg's book through computer technology but the characters were not manipulated by animators to coincide with the actors' voices, as in such films as "The Incredibles" and "Shrek

Hanks was familiar with traditional computer animation from playing Woody the cowboy in the "Toy Story" movies: he recorded lines, then left the body to animators.

This is not one of those movies," Hanks said. "Everything you see (in 'The Polar Express') performed by a human being was performed by a human being on a sound-

The sensors on Hanks' suit and face were recorded as he moved around a mostly vacant room, and those gestures and expressions were layered with a digital skin that moved in relation to the actor.

"There's no reason to do a movie like 'Mystic River' this way," Zemeckis said, referring to last year's effects-free, gritty drama that won Oscars for Sean Penn and Tim Robbins. "But there is the chance now to let imagination run wild:

Motion capture computerization became familiar to most moviegoers when actor Andy Serkis controlled the movements of Gollum in "The Lord of the Rings," and it's a common technique used on sports figures such as Tiger Woods to animate their own

moves in video games.

But the subtleties of human expression are so delicate that most eye, mouth and face movements traditionally have been left to animators, who frequently work from tapes of the actors.

"The Polar Express" pushed the technology into a new dimension by mapping the areas of Hanks' face with 152 sensors, so his instinctual movements control the faces of his characters.

"Believe it or not, the information would extend to a computer so you could tell the difference between a frown and a smile, eyes wide open, essentially every nuance that the human face can go through." Hanks said.

Occasionally one of the BB-sized sensors would fall off, Hanks said, which the computers rendered as if Santa's cheek or evebrow suddenly stretching down to touch the floor.

Computer animators did come into the scene, however, to "take what we did and turn it into a little boy outside with snow falling down," Hanks said. Three other adults play children in the movie — Hanks' "Bosom Buddies" co-star Peter Scolari. "The Matrix Reloaded" actress Nona Gaye and Eddie Deezen, the nerdy character actor who is best known as Eugene in "Grease

"It was ridiculous amounts of fun," Hanks said. "You just kind of have to forget an awful lot of stuff that you know as an adult and take part, literally, in the recess atmosphere."

"The visual aspect of movies is beyond imagination," he said, "but the sound is pretty much the same as in (Al) Jolson's time."





to help build a new airport

airport authority Chairwoman Mary Ann Mix said.



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SpongeBob melts

NORWICH — The mystery of the disappearance of at least one 6-foot inflatable SpongeBob SquarePants has been solved.

It was not thievery at the Norwich Burger King. It was the heat. Police said the case

was solved after they learned that a restaurant maintenance

crew discarded a deflated Sponge-Bob after it melted into the rooftop heating system air ducts.

SpongeBob had been a fixture on the roof for nearly a month before disappearing Nov. 30. The maintenance crew did not tell management of the meltdown and subsequent cleanup.

10 years for bank robber

DENVER — A woman accused of helping her boyfriend rob banks across the West like a modern-day Bonnie and Clyde was sentenced to 10 years in prison and ordered to repay \$231,000.

Nova Guthrie, 31, and her boyfriend, Craig Pritchert, were accused in a string of holdups in Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Oregon, Texas and New Mexico between 1997 and 1999. At one time they were on the FBI's most-wanted list.

Prosecutors said the pair netted about \$500,000 and used it to visit ski resorts and beaches around the world. They were captured in 2003 in South Africa, where they were living law-abiding lives under assumed names.

Pritchert, 43, was recently sentenced to 22½ years in prison and was also ordered to repay

Guthrie pleaded guilty last year to three robberies in a deal that called for a sentence of nine to 11

Fisherman death

MOREHEAD CITY — A fisherman discovered an empty boat crusing off the North Carolina coast with its harpoon line in the water. When he reeled in the line, he found a live bluefin tuna speared on the end — and the captain's entangled body.

The captain, Bruce Bartlett of South Plainfield, N.J., apparently harpooned the fish, then got his left leg caught in the 200-foot line, Coast Guard officials said. When the tuna swam away, Bartlett was pulled into the ocean off Morehead City and drowned.

Bartlett was a commercial fisherman who traveled up and down the coast, Guard officials said. He was alone in the 35-foot boat, named Flat Calm, fighting a fish that can weigh from 200 to 500 pounds.

Naked nuisance

MINNEAPOLIS — A man wandered naked through residential streets and fought with police before being bitten by a police dog and subdued with the use of a Taser gun.

The man was taken to Hennepin County Medical Center, having been bitten by the dog in the groin area, police Lt. Medaria Arradondo said. He was reported in serious condition.

Neighbors said the man pounded on the doors of their homes,



sometimes swearing, and rang doorbells.

Libby Pomroy said she heard her dog barking in the back yard. "I looked out the kitchen window and there was this naked man chasing her around the yard," Pomroy

Expanding the state

CONCORD — Legislators we want to expan to expand the state. One prosal would declare the towns of Kittery and Berwick, Maine, part of New Hampshire. The two states have fought over the border for decades in a dispute over who owns the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Another bill would welcome Kill-Another bill would welcome Kill-Another bill would welcome Kill-Legislators also with Vermont. The Vermont and Maine legislatures also would have to approve the proposals. Their approval isn't seen as likely.

Town in the hole

LOS ANGELES — Bankers have given an 11th-hour reprieve to the debt-ridden Los Angeles suburb of Gardena, postponing a deadline this month tied to more than \$26 million in debt, officials said

The decision forestalls the possibility that the working-class city could be pushed into immediate default or bankruptcy. Gardena does not have the money to pay the



Working reflections
Working in a cherry picker, Chester Powers checks a parking lot
light for an electrical short in the
lighting system at the Church of

the Nazarene in Clovis, N.M.

debt, but a new deadline of May 31 allows the city to continue negotiating with two banks

About \$20 million of Gardena's debt stems from its decision in 1993 to borrow money to finance an insurance company that flopped.

The city also owes more than \$6 million from a failed

\$6 million from a failed home-loan program.

Terauchi and other officials said the city of 60,000 people has few options to raise cash to cover

the debts that nearly equal Gardena's annual general fund budget. **Diversifying a district**

LILICAGO — A federalndage has ruled that the Chlcage Board of Education must find
seats in substantially white schools for black and Latino students by
mid-December. U.S. District
Judge Charles Kocoras' ruling was
in response to Justice Department
claims that the nation's third-large
set school district did not offer any
racial transfers this year to improve integration.

Ethical rules approved

SALT LAKE CITY — Following a raft of scandals,
the governing body of the state's
most populous county has voted to
approve a package of ethics reforms. The Salt Lake County Council's new rules scrap car allowanes, prohibit contractors from making political donations to county
candidates, ago campaign contributions and require county lobbyists
to get registers.

Court finds for bankers

PANAMA CITY — An appellate court upheld a lawpellate court upheld a lawterior of a court of the cleared we be hardterior of a rail millionaire. Early Bertley accused Devroit-based Comerica Bank and two of its officers in
her husband's death. She said the
bankers came to the couple's home
and forced her 65-year-old husband to walk in near-100-degrea
heat to prove he was sick. He adsought funds for medical expenses
from trust accounts the bank managed. He died a few days after the
visit.

Hawk evicted

NY NEW YORK — Pale Male the city hawk was evicted from his nest, and the flap has already begun.

So said aggrieved bird-watchers and neighbors after workmen raised a scaffold to the top of a Manhattan apartment and ripped out the famous red-tailed hawk's nest

The act appeared to end an urban drama that has fascinated bird-watchers over the past nine years, as Pale Male and a succession of mates raised 25 chicks—the last trio of fledglings last June—on the narrow 12th floor ledge over Fifth Avenue.

The hawks also achieved a measure of world fame, through television specials and a book, "Red-Tails in Love."

Pale Male — so named for his whitish plumage — and his mate, Lola, were nowhere to be seen as the nest was removed, nor were any of their latest offspring.



A little to the left ... Workmen stand atop the Durham School of the Arts to guide the new cupola into position in North Carolina.



Yum, raw fish! Snappy, a one-winged pelican, gets a fish lunch from Allison Campbell in her Miles City, Mont., back yard while waiting for a medical OK to be flown to a new home in Florida. Campbell had just taken Snappy to East Main Animal Clinic in Miles City for a checkup and bath.



What will they think of next?

Nico Toutenhoofd gets some exercise roller skiing around city blocks in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.



Steve Halvorson, foreground left, and Kim Elliott, right, rehearse along with other Singing tree singers for the 25th annual Living Christmas Tree musical performance at the First Baptist Church in Roswell, N.M.



As the temperature made a gradual climb into the 60s, the rain kent coming Shower of lights down in Greensboro, N.C., during the mid-morning and afternoon hours, as Vickie Curtis walks down Elm Street amid trees strung with lights.

Cashing in on recycling

PA PHILADELPHIA — City officials will start a pilot program next month in which people can earn restaurant and store coupons by recycling their trash. About 6.000 households in the Chestnut Hill and East Oak Lane neighborhoods will get recycling containers stamped with bar codes. Specially equipped trucks will read the code and weigh the recyclables. Residents will earn \$5 in coupons for every 10 pounds of recycling, up to a maximum of \$25 a

Controversial return

CA SACRAMENTO — Outraged citizens barraged county officials with dozens of calls and e-mails, protesting the return to duty of a sheriff's deputy who was fired after jurors convict ed him of trespassing while in uniform into the home of a woman he hoped to pursue romantically.

"You should be tarred and feath ered!" Fran Harrison wrote to the five members of the Sacramento County Civil Service Commission. which voted to reinstate Timothy James Durel as a deputy

The controversial decision combined with the recent reinstate. ments of four other fired officers - is creating a political whirlwind in the county, as sheriff's officials blame appointed commissioners and county leaders distance themselves from the fray.

Wrong place to plant pot

PA DOYLESTOWN — Police said Ryan M. Steel picked a pretty bad place to grow dozens of large marijuana plants — on land owned by a retired police chief.

Steel, 26, of Upper Makefield Township, was charged with manufacturing a controlled substance criminal trespass and agricultural vandalism. Authorities said he grew the plants on land owned by Robert Bell, the retired police chief of Bucks County's Springfield Township.

It was unclear why Bell's land was chosen to grow the plants.

Police pulled 29 6- to 10-foot-tall plants from Bell's property in September and arrested Steel on Dec. 2. Authorities did not say how they concluded Steel was the one who planted the crops.

Credit not accepted

GA ATLANTA — Georgia Tech will no longer allow students to pay tuition by credit card, a change the school says will save it \$1 million a year. Up to 40 percent of the university's 16,500 students used a credit card to pay for at least some of their expenses this year, officials said. As of Dec. 20, students will have to pay for their tuition, housing or meal plans with cash or a check. The school said it naid more than \$1 million last year in credit card service charges, at a time when the institute has laid off workers and scaled back courses because of state budget cuts.

Hounds rescued

CEDAR CITY - Some search-and-rescue workers became dogs' best friends with an unusual rescue A member of the Kane County

rescue team rappelled steep cliffs

near the east entrance of Zion National Park to save four hounds that chased a mountain lion over a cliff

Jeff Allen of Kanab was guiding a client on a mountain-lion hunt this week when his five dogs and the big cat went over a cliff and landed 30 feet below on an icy ledge, said David Owens, director of the county's emergency servic-Allen phoned a sheriff's deputy.

who got permission from the sheriff to rescue the stranded dogs.

The fifth dog was rescued in a subsequent operation.

More grade information

MI ANN ARBOR — The liberal arts faculty at the University of Michigan voted to include detailed information on transcripts that will provide context for students' grades. It's an effort to track and contain grade inflation. For classes with 10 or more students. the median grade and the number of students in the class will be added next to a student's individual grade.

No eavesdropping allowed

WA SEATTLE — Striking a blow for rebellious teenag-- Striking a ers, the Washington Supreme Court ruled that state law prohibits parents from eavesdropping on a child's phone conversations.

The case reached the high court because of a purse-snatching. A 17-year-old boy was convicted of the robbery, in part on testimony from his girlfriend's mother, who overhead him discussing the crime on the phone with her daughter.

The daughter had taken a cordless phone into her bedroom and closed the door. In another room her mother pressed the speakerphone button on an extension, listened in and took notes.

The court ruled that the daughter and her boyfriend had a reasonable expectation of privacy on the

Whooping cough on rise

TOPEKA — State health officials say the number of cases of whooping cough, a childhood illness that can be fatal, has risen dramatically this year. The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has recorded 148 cases, an increase from 23 in 2003 and 38 in 2002.

Missing art found

MO ST. LOUIS — Some pieces of a missing multimillion-dollar art collection that includes works by Pablo Picasso and Willem de Kooning have been recovered, authorities said.

FBI special agent Peter Krusing said that investigators recovered some paintings, prints and sculptures stolen from a storage facility in the St. Louis suburb of Bridgeton. But over half of the more than 100 works remain miss.

The works had been placed in storage there by an out-of-state owner, whom officials declined to identify The works had been anpraised at more than \$2 million in 1991, the FBI said.

The theft was reported Oct. 13 after an inventory showed the items were missing, officials said.

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Britain, Ireland: Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers to the north and morning fog. Highs in the low to mid 50s, Tuesday lows in

Croatia and Bosnia: Cloudy with freezing fog. Highs in the lower to mid 30s, Tuesday lows in the lower

France: Cloudy with fog. Highs in the mid 40s to lower 60s, Tuesday lows in the lower 30s to lower 40s.

Northern Germany: Cloudy with fog. Highs in the lower 30s, Tuesday lows in the mid 20s.

Southern Germany: Cloudy with fog. Highs in the lower 30s, Tuesday lows in the mid 20s.

Hungary: Cloudy with fog. Highs in the lower to mid 30s, Tuesday lows in the lower 20s.

Northern Italy: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 40s, Tuesday lows in the lower to mid 30s.

Southern Italy: Partly cloudy with iso-lated rainshowers. Highs in the upper 50s to lower 60s, Tuesday lows in the mid 40c

Kosovo: Cloudy with freezing fog. Highs in the mid 30s, Tuesday lows in the lower 20s.

Norway: Partly cloudy to mostly cloudy with isolated rain/snow show-ers. Highs in the mid 30s to upper 40s, Tuesday lows in the lower 30s to lower 40s.

Portugal, Spain: Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the mid 50s to lower 60s, Tuesday lows in the upper 30s to upper 40s.

Turkey: Partly cloudy. Highs in the 50s, Tuesday lows in the mid 30s.

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Horoscope

Venus and Saturn work together to make sure the lessons that guide our relationships are ones we learn well. During the last week of Mercury's retrograde, we're **Holiday Mathis** more conscious of not repeating mistakes - and it we forget, an interfering friend nearby is sure to remind us, "Hey, didn't you do that last time? And didn't it turn out badly?"

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (December 13). You've come a long way, and this is your year to celebrate! January features huving and selling your way into a better financial spot. Involvement in charity or the arts will be your lucky ticket to love. February features more responsibility, so make a huge effort to break away from tired patterns - vacation in March. Love

signs are Pisces and Taurus. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 50, 6, 11 and ARIES (March 21-April 19).

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You haven't always been paid correctly for your effort. But at least now you have the benefit of 1,000 practice runs. You approach your work with precision and artistry, and it's impressive to exactly the person you want to please

TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You're enriched by a greater appreci-ation for the familiar. Maybe wild beauty isn't what defines your neigh-borhood, but there's a certain charm there, and you're comfortable. Positive thoughts of home keep you in fine health

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). It's the little interactions that have you feeling content, if not a tad smug.

Your superior social skills work to smooth over hassles and get you free upgrades. Customer-service agents figure into the equation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A ragged relationship is shaping up bit by bit. Transformation is too much to expect, but growth, even rapid growth, is not so far-fetched. Put in the effort, and you won't be disap-

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). In

family matters, you state exactly what's going to happen before it does. Granted, you know your loved ones quite well and can therefore operate like an expert oddsmaker. Still, your handle on the situation protects all involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You're impulsive now, so it's hard to

know when you're onto something good or just going with the playful mood of the moment. Go for a quantity of ideas instead of worrving vet about which one is actually going to

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Some of your cohorts will sink to petty and self-serving activities, so it's important that you stay firmly grounded in your values

There's more at stake than the happiness of people who are already in power. Fair is fair

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Love relationships benefit from a dose of ambitious idealism. So what if it doesn't exactly happen the way you dreamed it would - it's more important that you have joint aspirations. Be frivolous and fanciful!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Swiftly respond when duty calls! Your self-confidence soars when you know that you don't have to think about doing the right thing anymore - it's an automatic response. You'll put all opponents on the defensive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan

19). It's hard to be honest with friends, especially the sensitive ones - history proves they can't take the smallest dose of their own medicine. Timing makes all the difference. Speak your mind in the moment it's all going down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Significant others may say one thing and do another, but these are minor grievances, and there's no use fighting over it. Take the high road. You know you're right, so is it really important that others acknowledge

it too? PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You've got that delicious excited edge, like you're not sure whether you can really pull something off. Though you'd probably perform better without the nerves, it wouldn't be as exhilarating. Love where you

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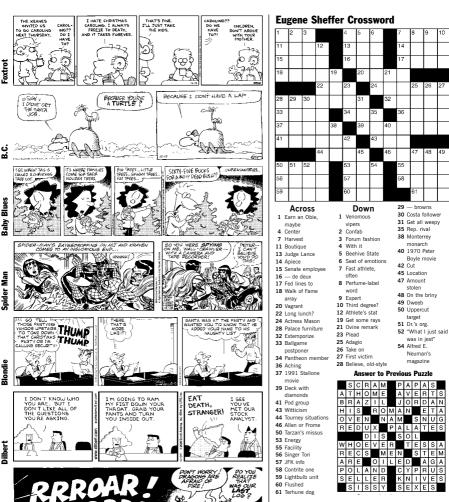






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ASKING ME YOU PORK. ELLEN

"WISHING YOU THE VERY BEST OF THIS HOLIPAY SEASON..."

HEY, A CHRISTMAS CARD



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Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN THAT TRAFFIC COP HALTED THE SNOWMAN, ONE MIGHT SAY FROSTY WAS STOPPED COLD.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals L

Split couple complicate invites

holiday party. About six weeks ago, I told my friend "Shirley about the party and that I was inviting her ex-fiance, "Tom She replied that if Tom would be there, she would not.

I sent invitations to both of them Tom RSVP'd that he and his new girlfriend (the one that came be tween him and Shirley) would attend. I then informed Shirley that "vou know who" was coming. She is now very upset with me and accuses me of choosing him over her. She's questioning my friendship and says I'm purposely tor

menting her.
I understand Shirley is upset. But don't you agree that she needs to under-stand my position? My husband is close friends with Tom, and wants him to attend. Shirley knew I was inviting him. Now less than a week before party time, she has called me five times to cry and make me feel

anything if they're in the same

room.

— Torn in Two in South Carolina Dear Torn in Two: Shirley should not dictate who's to be invited to and/or excluded from your party. Remind her what she

said when you first told her that both she and her ex would be invited. Your husband has a right to include anyone he wishes. Tell Shirley

that you'd love to have her there, but if it's too painful for her to see Tom and his new love interest, you'll invite her to another soiree. The choice is hers.

Dear Abby: I was

recently engaged to "Danny," the man of my dreams He is everything I have prayed for all my life

The problem is his mother. She constantly barges into our relationship. She was even there when he proposed to me — so close I could hear her crying.

I have been planning a trip to visit him for an awards ceremony. It was booked and paid for three months ago.

I just learned that Danny's mother plans to "surprise" him by attending the awards ceremo ny and staying all weekend.

Once again there she is I understand that she wants to support her son, but is this the way my marriage is going to be her always wanting to share in the moment

- Surrounded By His Mother Dear Surrounded: Danny may be "vour man." but he is also her little boy. Perhaps his mother wouldn't hover so much if her son wasn't in the military and therefore in jeopardy.

Please cut her some slack Also, how Danny reacts to his mother's surprise visit should give you insight into what lies ahead for you.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

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one letter to each square. to form four ordinary words.



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon ON THE

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(Answers tomorrow) Jumbles: BEIGE ABBEY TINGLE OBLONG When their conversation turned to marriage Answer: she found it - "ENGAGING"



"When they played hide-and-seek, Rudolph couldn't hide because of his nose."

bad. I'm afraid no one will enjoy Because Danny is in the mili-**Lack of affection hurts relationship**

Dear Annie: I have been dating "Jon" for two years, and we became engaged last November. I am wondering if it is normal for a man not to be affectionate.

Jon rarely holds my hand or cuddles in bed at night. We recently went on a trip without my children (from a previous marriage), and it was so relaxing. We were gone four nights, and to my dismay, Jon was not once romantic or tender. We were sexually intimate, but as soon as we were

finished, he just rolled over. Are there men like this who are happily married? I don't know if I can live without affection. It makes me feel used. I've been married before and have dated several men, but I've never experienced this. I thought touching and holding came naturally. Is he

Dear Dumbfounded: Well, yes, within certain limits. Not all men are naturally affectionate, especially if they come from non-de-

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Abby

monstrative families. It doesn't mean he isn't happy with you, but we worry that you might not be happy with him. You need to discuss

with Jon how important this is to you. He may not realize that you expect the hand-holding, cuddling and other signs that he is fond of you when you aren't having sex. Don't wait for him to

make the first move - teach him what you need. Take his hand when you are out walking. Ask for a hug before dinner. Put your arms around his neck and kiss him for no reason. If he doesn't make any effort to warm up, get couples counseling and see what can be done.

Dear Annie: Please remind your readers of the importance of having a will and making arrangements for your burial

sister is in possession of some of the assets, and I am left to try and pay for the burials and their other debts. I am not financially well off, but I want to do the

right thing. It seems to me that the expenses of the funeral should be split evenly. Who is responsible for these costs? I don't want to alien-ate my sister, but I need her

What should I do?

- Still Grieving Dear Still Grieving: You are no more responsible for these costs than your sister. If she has not offered to split the expenses with you, pick up the phone and ask her to do so. Offer to send her an itemized accounting, and then ask her to please pay her share If this is a financial hardship for your sister, perhaps a payment plan can be worked out, or you can ask her to contribute whatever she can manage.

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Tuesday

AFN-Sports, 1:30 a.m. — Bowling: PBA Earl Anthony Medford Classic (djd). AFN-Atlantic and AFN-Radio, 3 a.m. — NFL: Kansas City at Tennesse. AFN-Sports, 3 a.m. — NBA: Orlando at Phoeix.

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m. — College basketball:
Vake Forest at Temple (dld).

AFN-Pacific, 11 a.m. — NFL: Kansas City at
ennessee (dld).

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New Orleans at Dallas
Cleveland at Buffalo
N.Y. Giants at Baltimore
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Monday's game
Kansas City at Tennessee
Saturday, Dec. 18
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Giants
Washington at San Francisco

Pittsburgh at N.Y. Giants
Washington at San Francisco
Carolina at Atlanta
Sunday, Dec. 19
Houston at Chicago
Minnesota at Detroit
Seattle at N.Y. Jets
Denver at Kansas City

Denver at Kansas City Buffalo at Cincinnati Dallas at Philadelphia San Diego at Cleveland St. Louis at Arizona New Orleans at Tampa Bay Jacksonville at Green Bay Tennessee at Oakland Baltimore at Indianapolis Monday, Dec. 20
New England at Miami

College football

Heisman voting

NEW YORK — Voting Trophy, with first-, se votes and total pol basis):	g for tecond	the 200 - and (voting	4 Hei third- on	sman place 3-2-1
Player	1st	2nd	3rd	Total
Matt Leinart, USC	267	211	102	1325
Adrian Peterson, Okl.	154	180	175	997
Jason White, Okl.	171	149	146	957
Alex Smith, Utah	98	112	117	635
Reggie Bush, USC	118	80	83	597

Heisman regional voting

NEW YORK — Regional points breakdow of the finalists in balloting for the 2004 Heis man Trophy: man Trophy: NORTHEAST 1, Matt Leinart, 242. 2, Adrian Peterson 174, 3, Jason White, 154, Alex Smith, 104, Reo gie Bush, 103.

MID-ATLANTIC

1, Matt Leinart, 215. 2, Adrian Peterson, 162. 3, Jason White, 126. 4, Alex Smith, 126. 5, Reggie Bush, 110. SOUTH

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1, Jason White, 263. 2, Adrian Peterson, 197. 3, Matt Leinart, 179. 4, 4lex Smith, 96. 5, Reggie Bush, 72. MIDWEST 1, Matt Leinart, 253. 2, Adrian Peterson, 181. 3, Jason White, 169. 4, Alex Smith, 102. 5, Reggie Bush, 102. FAR WEST 1, Matt Leinar, 222. 2, Adrian Peterson, 128. 3, Alex Smith, 128. 4, Jason White, 117. 5,

Bowl glance

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Tuesday, Dec. 14
New Orleans Bowl
North Texas (7-4) vs. Southern Miss (6-5)
Tuesday, Dec. 21
Champs Sports Bowl
Payout: \$500,000
Georgia Tech 5-1 vs. Syracuse (6-5)
Weet Strong College (6-5)

Mobile, Ala.
Payout: \$750,000
mphis (8-3) vs. Bowling Green (8-3)
Thursday, Dec. 23
Fort Worth (Texas) Bowl

Fort Worth (Fexas) Bowl
Zincinnat (6-5) Vs. Marshall (6-5)
Las Vegas Bowl
Wyoming (6-5) Vs. Marshall (6-5)
Wyoming (6-5) Vs. UCLA (6-5)
Hawkii Bowl
At Honolulu
UAB (7-4) Vs. Hawkii (7-5)
MPC Computers Bowl
At Bosis, Idaho At Boise, Idaho Payout: \$750,000 Fresno State (8-3) vs. Virginia (8-3) Motor City Bowl At at Pontiac, Mich.

At San Francisco Payout: \$750,000 (7-4) vs. Navy (9-2) Holiday Bowl At San Diego Payout- 6-2

Payout: \$780,000 (6-5) vs. Minnesota (6-5) Sun Bowl At It Paso, Test Payout: \$1.5 million 4) vs. Arizona State (8-3) Liberty Bowl At Memphis, Tenn. Payout: \$1.35 million te (11-0) vs. Louisville (10-1)

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Fiesta Bowl At Tempe, Ariz Payout: \$11-4 rempe, Ariz Utah (11-0 vs. Pittsburgh (8-3) Monday, Jan. 3 Sugar Bowl Ayout: \$11-14 milli Auburn (12-0) vs. Virginia Tech Tuesday, Jan. 4 Orange Bowl At Mami

At Miami
Payout: \$11-14 million
Cal (12-0) vs. Oklahoma (12-0)
Saturday, Jan. 15
Gridiron Classic
At The Villages, Fla.
South

I vs. South East-West Shrine Classic At San Francisco vs. West Saturday, Jan. 22

saturday, Jan. 22 Hula Bowl At Maui, Hawaii Saturday, Jan. 29 Senior Bowl At Mobile, Ala. North vs. South

Division I-AA playoffs

Figure 1 Semifinal 2 Semifinal

Division II playoffs

Semifinals Saturday, Dec. 4 Valdosta State 45, West Chester 21 Pittsburg St. 31, North Dakota 19 Pittsburg St. 31, North Dakota 19 Championship Saturday, Dec. 11 At Braly Municipal Stadium Florence, Ala. Valdosta State 36. Pittsburg St. 31

Division III playoffs

Semifinals Saturday, Dec. 11 Mary Hardin-Baylor 38, Mount 35 Linfield, Ore., 52, Rowan, N.J. 0

Champens, UTC., 52, KOWAR, N.J. 0
Championship
Saturday, Dec., 18
Stagg Bowl
At Salem Stadium
Salem, Va.
Mary Hardin Baylor (13-1) vs. Linfield
(12-0)

College basketball

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J. Illinois (2-9) Saturday 35-66. Next vs. Valgorizado, Subbat d'Origin 35-66. Next vs. Valgorizado, Subbat d'Origin 35-66. Next vs. Zosenia 56-90 best Louislana-Laflyyette 96-51. Next vs. Zismes Middion, Wednesday 42. Next vs. Zismes Middion, Wednesday 43. Next vs. Zismes Middion, Wednesday 44. Next vs. Zismes Middion, Wednesday 45. Next vs. Driese C. Saturday Bonnahama 56-56. Next vs. Driese C. Saturday Bonnahama 56-56. Next vs. Driese C. Saturday Bonnahama 56-56. Next vs. Driese C. Saturday Next vs. 8. West Vs. Ries Sunday, Dec. 13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Dec. 13. 6-13 did not play, Next vs. Ries. Sunday, Ries. Sund

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9. Dikke (5-0) din not pia); next: vs. 10rcus, sunday, multiple (6-1) beat indiana 73-58. 10. 11. Pittsburgh (1-7) beat Penn State 84-71. Next: vs. Coppin State; 12. N. Carolina St. (7-0) beat Liberty 94-60. Next: vs. Loujislana-Lafay, Wednesday, 13. Louisville (5-1) beaf Florida 74-70. Next:

13. Louisvine (3-1) beat riorida /4-70. Next: vs. North Carolina A&T, Tuesday. 14. Texas (6-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas-Arlington, Wednesday. 15. Arizona (6-2) beat Utah 67-62. Next: at Marquette, Saturday.

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16. Washington (6-1) did not play. Next: at oyola Marymount, Sunday.

17. lowa (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. West-rn Carolina, Saturday.

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Amherst 69, Colby-Sawyer 60
Bates 74, Husson 69
Bethany, W.V.a. 97, La Roche 95
Boston College 80, Boston U. 74
Brockport 82, Hamilton 70
Buffalo 95, Niagara 92, 20T
Carnegie-Mellon 79, Skidmore 60
Colby 87, Repursola 5, Kidmore 60
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Lycoming 76, Susquehanna 59 Mass.-Dartmouth 86, Keene St. 78 Merrimack 74, American Internati Middlebury 87, S. Vermont 73 Montclair St. 88, CCNY 53

RPI 70, Hartwick 61.

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5 Presbyterian 62, Erskine 52 Southern Miss. 82, Alcorn St. 61 Southern U. 67, SE Louisiana 65 St. Leo 83, Valdosta St. 68 St. Mary's, Texas 60, Rollins 44 Tennessee 71, Xavier 69

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Morgan St. 71, Maine 63 N.C. State 94, Liberty 60 Oklahoma Christian 69, Freed-Hardeman

St. Marry's, 18A32 VI. Tennessee 71, Xavier 69 Towson 84, VMI 69 Union, Ky. 88, Bryan 64 Va. Commonwealth 58, Richmo Virginia Tech 77, James Madisc West Georgia 76, Clayton St. 69 Wofford 75, Appalachian St. 66 MDWEST

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Atlanta Christian 71. Greenville 68 Ball St. 80, Ind.-Pur.-Indpls. 73 Benedictine III. 89, St. Mary's, Minn. 79 Bethany, Kan. 85, Southwestern, Kan. 76 Bethel, Kan. 96, Kansas Wesleyan 77 Bethel, Minn. 82, Crown 61 Bowling Green 81, Youngstown St. 59 Bethel, Minn. 82, Crown 61.

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Carthage 15, Millwaukee Engineering 46

Cedarville 87, Shawnee St. 85

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SCOREBOARD, FROM PAGE 26 AP Women's Top 25 fared

Saturday
1. LSU (8-0) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Minnesotta, Tuesday.
2. Stanford (6-0) did not play. Next: at San Francisco, Sunday.
3. Duke (7-1) did not play. Next: vs. Liberty,

A. Treast 62-10 all not play, Next: 4 North 1, 4 Treast 62-10 all not play, Next: 4 North 1, 5 North Carollina (T-1) did not play, Next: 4 North 1, 5 North Carollina (T-1) did not play, Next: 4 North Carollina (T-2) did not play, Next: 4 North Carollina (T-1) did not play, Next: 4 Nort unday. 4. Texas (4-2) did not play. Next: at North

ω. κυιχιετς (5-1) did not play. Next: at Tem-ple, Monday. 21. Purdue (5-2) did not play. Next: vs. Vestern Michigan, Sunday. 22. Houston (8-0) did not play. Next: at Ha-rali, Thursday. /aii, Thursday. 23. TCU (7-3) lost to Utah 85-72. Next: at No. Tennesssee, Sunday, Dec. 19. 24. Arizona (6-1) did not play. Next: at No.

11 Georgia, Sunday. 25. Kansas St. (5-2) beat Miss.-KC 63-31. Next: vs. Alabama at Springfield, Mo., Saturday. Saturday's women's scores

EAST American International 60, Merrimack 49 Amherst 69, Clark U. 43 Baruch 77, Kean 76 Baruch 77, Kean 76
Boston College 78, New Hampshire 49
Bowdoin 64, Colby 37
Brandeis 66, W. New England 50
Colgate 83, Albany, N.Y. 77
College of N.J. 65, Hunter 53
Columbia 65, Long Island U. 60
DeSales 54, Cabrini 47 Common Co., Long Island U. 60
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College soccer

Men's Div. I tournament

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Men's College Cup
At The Home Depot Cer
Carson, Calif.
Semifinals
Friday, Dec. 10
Indiana 3, Maryland 2, OT
UC Santa Barbara 5, Duke 0
Championship
Sunday, Dec. 12
Indiana (18-4-1) vs. UC Sant

nta Rarhara

College hockey

Saturday's scores

EAST Air Force 2. American International 0 Air Force 2, American International Boston U.4, RPI 1 Clarkson 3, O'No St. 1 Clarkson 3, O'No St. 1 Clarkson 3, O'No St. 1 Clarkson 1, O' th 2, 01

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College volleyball

Div. I women's tournament

Regional Finals
Saturday, Dec. 11
At Green Bay, Wis.
Stanford def. Wisconsin, 3-0 (30-19, 31-29, 30-26)

39-26)

At Louisville, Ky.
Southern California def. Nebraska, 3-2
(33-35, 30-27, 30-21, 34-36, 12-36)

Minnesota def. Ohio State, 3-2 (30-32, 34-32, 27-30, 30-28, 15-3)

Washington def. Ucl.A, 3-2 (27-30, 30-19, 30-28, 24-30, 15-9)

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Semifinals Dec. 16 At Long Beach, Calif. ithern California (23-5) vs.

(32-4) Stanford (28-6) vs. Washington (28-2)

Golf Target World Challenge

Saturday At Sherwood Country Club Thousand Oaks, Calif. Purse: \$5.25 million Yardage: 6,933 yards; Par: 71 Third Round

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(After nine races).
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2. Hermann Maler, Austria, 339.

3. Michael Walchhofer, Austria, 284. Benjamin Raich, Austria, 266.
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World Cup giant slalom standings (After three races) . Bode Miller, United States, 200.

Lasse Kjus, Norway, 180.
 Hermann Maier, Austria, 156.
 Massimiliano Blardone, Italy, 118.
 Kalle Palander, Finland, 114.

Military boxing

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rorgana (Ansh): 4-1; Son Johnson (Ansh): 4-1
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gars are to resume their season by hosting Sigonella Jan. 14-15. Wrestling Hideblerg hexagonal
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Saturday's transactions BASEBALL

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National League

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CHICAGO BEARS—Signed G Bryan AnderSon. Walved Le Correy Jenkins.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Placed T Chris Terry on injured reserve. Signed WR Jason Willis from the practice squad. COLLEGE

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MARYLAND—Announced sophomore basetball F Hassan Fofana has decided to ansfer to another school.

Coaches constantly on hot seat

Lots of money, little patience has led to quick firings

BY MIKE PHILLIPS

MIAMI — If Urban Meyer and the Florida Gators make a run toward a national title next season, it likely would overshadow the fact that Ron Zook built the Gators with two solid recruiting classes.

That's because Zook is gone fired midway through his third season, before he had a chance to win with his own players.

But Zook is more than just a deposed coach, he's emblematic of an ugly trend in college football, where bigger money and a lack patience now waltz together to the tune of the ever-louder sound of fans and boosters screaming, "Win now." They're not just getting fired, but fired quickly the

At Notre Dame, Tyrone Willingham had his job stripped from him in just his third year. At Auburn, they were ready to stab Tommy Tuberville in the back a year ago. And at Mississippi, David Cutcliffe was suddenly fired for going 3-8 in a rebuilding season the year after he won 10 games and was named the SEC Coach of the Year.

Of the eight coaches fired in the six major conferences (ACC, SEC, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12 and Pac-10) and Notre Dame, five had been on the job three years or shorter.

"It's an epidemic," says former coach and ESPN football analyst Bill Curry. "And it's bad for college football."

Little time to win

Zook didn't even finish his third season. He was cut down after seven games at a time when his team was 12 points away from being unbeaten, losing three times in the final minute — or a combined 65 seconds. Some felt the Gators' bliggest problem was youth, that almost all the talent is classes, and that UF is a year from making a run at the national title.

Meyer will inherit a team loaded with talent that could start next season ranked in the Top 10 or Top 5. Zook will be at Illinois.

"It's troubling for all of college football when you see a coach being fired in the middle of the season based solely on performance," said Oklahoma athletic director Joe Castiglione. "If there are other reasons, that's another thing — but not if it's based not performance only. You see that in professional sports, and that's one thing, but it's not a good thing at the collece level."

How long should a coach have to build a program? Most coaches would argue for four or five years, feeling that it takes at least that long to get their recruits in

"We've seen a change in the football world," Illinois men's basketball coach Bruce Weber said on the day Zook was hired by the Illini. "The clock has changed in people's minds."

The clock ticks faster now on



Florida's new head football coach Urban Meyer stands in "The Swamp" after he arrived in Florida to replace Ron Zook, who was fired. Zook left Meyer two strong recruiting classes before he headed to Illinois.

new and old coaches. There might not be a better example than Nebraska's Frank Solich, who was fired two years ago after a 9-3 season. Solich won 32 gamest in his first three seasons, including reaching the 2001 national championship game against Miami. But the Cornhuskers went F-7 in 2002 — the program's worst record since 1961. Even though Solich rebounded with a 9-3 mark in 2003, he was fired with a 8-3 mark in 2003, he was fired with a 8-3 mark in 2003, he was fired with a 8-3 mark in 2003, he was fired with a 8-3 mark in 2003.

Then there's Tuberville, who escaded, proving all of his critics at Auburn were wrong by leading Auburn to its first 12-0 season in history and fielding what might arguably be the best team in the nation just one year after they tried to fire him.

"About this time last year, I had turned in my application at Wal-Mart to become a greeter," Tuberville said last month. "The only thing you can do is joke about what happened."

arout what happened.
It was no joke at the time. Last
November, former Auburn president William Walker, athletic director David Housel and twaschool trustees made a secret trip
to Louisville to ask Bobby Petrino, who had been an assistant
coach at Auburn, if he would be
interested in replacing Tuberinterested in replacing Tuber-

But Tuberville found out eventually, and he kept his job. Walker resigned two months later, and Tuberville was given an contract extension through 2008.

"You look at David Cutcliffe, Ty Willingham, and Ron Zook," Tuberville said. "And what if they turned around and did the same thing next year if they had the opportunity? "Patience is what we've lost in this country."

There was never any patience for Zook, who followed Steve Spurrier and was greeted by the now infamous fireronzook.com Web site. "He was destined to be fired the day he was hired, because of unrealistic expectations," said ESPN football analyst Lee Corso. "He never had a chance."

Not entirely new Although the timetable may

have accelerated in recent years, college football coaches have always been under pressure.

Darrell Royal won three nations

Darrell Royal won three national titles, appeared in 16 bowl games and is a legend at Texas. Royal's "Big Shootout" victory against Arkansas 35 years ago in front of President Nixon gave the Longhorns the national title and is still regarded as the greates game in Texas football history.

But after Royal retired, he was asked if that game between No. 1 Texas and No. 2 Arkansas was his most important victory. "No," said Royal. "The biggest

"No," said Royai. "Ine biggest win for me was a win over Oklahoma State in 1968. "We were coming off a 6-4 season, and we tied Houston and lost to Texas Tech to start the season. If I had lost that third game to Oklahoma State, people would have been talking about firing me."

But there's a difference in today's game, because everyone wants to win right now, and second chances are few.

Just listen to George Welsh, who was 23-32 in his first five seasons at Navy, but doubts he would have gotten a sixth if he were coaching today. "I was out of there in this era."

he said before Tuesday night's induction into the College Football Hall of Fame.

Welsh was given the benefit of coaching in a kinder, gentler era and stayed at Navy four more seasons. He ended his nine-year tenure in Annapolis, Md., as the winningest coach in school history with three bowl appearances.

"I think it helped that I was 4-1 against Army and I was an alum-

nus," Welsh said. "But I don't think that would help much anymore."

Many factors

Very little seems to help today, and sometimes it takes very little to escalate the pressure on a coach.

"It's gone to another level," said Arkansas coach Houston

Nutt.

"It's hard for coaches to build a
program, because everyone
wants to win now.

"Our job has gotten a lot harder because of talk shows and the Internet," Nutt said. "There are so many negatives out there. It's never been like this before, but when you lose now, there might be a small group that's complaining but with the talk shows and the internet all you hear are negatives and it builds, because all you hear is negative."

The fans on call-in radio shows and in the stands — as well as influential boosters and school trustees who, in some instances, have instigated coaching changes — are a reflection of American society, Curry said.

"You see where parents are killing each other over Little League games," Curry said. "Sports is a reflection of our culture. We live in a society where there is a sense with many fans that if I buy a ticket I have the right to a national championship, a right to a BCS bowl, and the right to ... say anything I want.

"Expectations aren't realistic, and when coaches don't win there is a rage that comes up in these fans," he added. "It's worse now than ever before, and the rage now isn't directed at the opponent, but it's directed at your coach and your team."

Big bucks

Moreover, the money involved in college football has increased exponentially in the past decade. 44It's troubling for all of college football when you see a coach being fired in the middle of the season based solely on performance.

> Joe Castiglione Oklahoma AD

The season-end prizes are bigger — bowl games used to pay \$2 to \$4 million have turned into BCS bowls that guarantee \$11 to \$14 million. And many coaches are making

more than \$1 million a year. LSU's Nick Saban (\$2.6 million) Oklahoma's Bob Stoops (\$2.3 million) of now Meyer at Florida (\$2 million), are the first in the \$2 million club.

There were eight coaches in

the SEC alone — including Zook and Cutcliffe, who each made \$1.2 million — making more than \$1 million.

That's one reason coaches are on the hot seat so quickly.

"I think that's probably true," said University of Miami coach Larry Coker. "But we understand that. The reality is that coaches are getting a lot of money. In my position and certainly there are guys with a lot more money than I am getting, but I make a lot of money. So I think you have high expectations. When I read that the coach from Utah, Urban Meyer is going to Florida for \$14 million for seven years, there are going to be high expectations."

When Meyer was hired at Florida, he joked and said, "There aren't many expectations here, are there?"

Meyer knows he is expected to

at least win the SEC title next year and get Florida to a BCS bowl, but he knows he has landed well because of the stockpile of young talent at Florida.

"The thing I talked to the town

"The thing I talked to the team about is there is one way to do this, and the least amount of resistance will be the fastest opportunity to be successful,' Meyer said after he met his new team last week. "There will be resistance. If we can minimize that, there's a chance we can be good early,"

Meyer expects to win, because he has won everywhere he has been, producing immediate results at Bowling Green and Utah, where he went 21-2 in two years. There is a theory that the landscape has changed in college football because of coaches such as Metter.

Stoops went into Oklahoma and turned a struggling team into a national champion in just two years, and Mark Richt returned a middling Georgia program into a national power in just two seasons.

Those quick-fix scenarios have given the sport a new model, because now some boosters, presidents and athletic directors say, "if it can happen there, why not here?"

That sentiment only adds to the quick-trigger response to replace our coach with the hot new coach.

"That's the world we live in," said Nutt, "and it's going to get worse, because everyone wants to win yesterday."

Notre Dame close to hiring Patriots' Weis

BY TOM COYNE

The Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. - Notre Dame is close to hiring New England Patriots offensive coordinator Charlie Weis as its new coach, a university source said Saturday night, but the deal is not complete and still could fall apart

The Fighting Irish have been searching for nearly two weeks for a replacement for Tyrone Willingham, who was fired Nov. 30 after posting a 21-15 record in three years

The source, speaking on the condition of anonymity, told The Associated Press that some procedural issues that could be deal-breakers remained in the talks with Weis

ESPN moting sources close to the university, reported Saturday night that Weis had agreed to a six-year contract that will pay him about \$2 million a year. The network said Weis will fly to South Bend. Ind. to meet with Notre Dame players after the Patriots' game Sunday against Cincinnati and that a news conference at Notre Dame is set for Monday.

Weis could not be reached at his Massa chusetts home Saturday night. A Patriots on the reports.

"We have not hired anybody yet, and we don't have a press conference scheduled, Notre Dame associate athletic director John Heisler said Saturday night. "Nothing is official. The process is ongoing. . . . No deal is done from our standpoint.

Weis would be the first Notre Dame alum to coach the Irish since Hugh Devore was interim coach in 1963. Though he never played for the Fighting Irish, Weis graduated from the school in 1978 with a degree in communications and education.

Weis, 48, started as a high school coach and has long wanted to become a head coach. He went as far as undergoing gastric bypass surgery to help improve his chances of getting a job.

He said he primarily underwent the surery for health reasons because his father died at age 56 from complications of being overweight, and because of the death in 2001 of fellow assistant coach Dick Rehbein at 45 from degenerative heart disease.

But he also knew that losing weight would help him become a head coach.

"I think there's a lot of validity in the

he said two years ago

The surgery led to life-threatening internal bleeding that forced him to undergo surgery again two days later and kept him in intensive care for nearly two weeks.

Weis' success with the Patriots hurt his chances of getting an NFL head coaching job. He interviewed last year with the New York Giants and Buffalo Bills, but an NFL rule that prohibits assistants from being hired while their teams are still in the playoffs essentially prevented him from being seriously considered

His weight problems and near-death experience also might have hurt his chances because of speculation his health wasn't good enough to handle a head coaching iob

"I think some people were totally misguided in terms of my physical abilities to put in a full day," Weis said last year.

If Weis is hired by Notre Dame, it is unclear when he would leave the Patriots. New England coach Bill Belichick said Friday he expects Weis to stay with the team through the season

'Charlie, I expect, will continue to be here and carry out his responsibilities through the season," Belichick said.

Weis taught and coached high school for five years before taking an assistant's job at South Carolina for four seasons. He returned to coaching at high school for one year before joining the New York Giants' pro personnel department in 1989.

Weis was hired by the Giants as defensive assistant and assistant special teams coach in 1990, earning his first Super Bowl ring. When Ray Handley was named coach of the Giants in 1991, he named Weis running backs coach.

Weis worked for the Patriots from 1993-96, coaching tight ends, running backs and wide receivers. In 1997, Weis was hired by Jets coach Bill Parcells, who asked former New York Giants offensive coordinator Ron Erhardt to groom Weis as the Jets' offensive coordinator. In 1998, he was named Jets offensive coordinator/wide receivers coach.

He has been the Patriots offensive coordinator the past five seasons, earning two more Super Bowl rings.

He is credited with helping to develop quarterback Tom Brady, tight end Ben Coates, running back Curtis Martin, wide receiver Terry Glenn and former Notre Dame receiver David Givens.

Walker leads Valdosta to title

FLORENCE, Ala. - Valdosta State rallied to win its first NCAA Division II championship Saturday, with Fabian Walker throw ing two touchdown passes and running for a score in the Blazers' 36-31 victory over Pittsburg

Valdosta State (13-1) forced four turnovers and held Pittsburg State (14-1) to 371 yards of total offense - 243 below the Gorillas' average. The Blazers intercepted two passes and recovered two

Valdosta State's Terrence Bell intercepted two passes, including a momentum-changer late in the first quarter after the Gorillas had taken a 14-0 lead. "All season long we've hent

but we've come up with turnovers at the right time," Valdosta State coach Chris Hatcher said

Walker threw a 1-vard touchdown pass to Zach Parker early in the second quarter to start the comeback and Valdosta State took the lead for the first time early in the second half when Pittsburg State punter Andy Maiors dropped a snap in the end zone and was stopped for a safety. giving the Blazers a 19-17 lead

Walker, a former starter at Florida State, completed 19 of 27 passes for 165 yards and ran for 55 yards on 11 carries.

"It's all ending on a good note Walker said, "I just thank God that I had the opportunity to come here and help this team win."

Leading 36-31 late in the fourth quarter. Valdosta State converted on a fourth-down play with a fake punt to keep the ball and hold onto the lead

Division I-AA

Montana 34, Sam Houston St. 13: At Missoula, Mont., Craig Ochs passed for 204 yards and three touchdowns, and Montana forced four turnovers in the I-AA semifinals

NCAA plavoffs

The Grizzlies (12-2) avenged a 41-29 regular-season loss to Sam Houston and reached the national championship game for the fifth time in 10 years.

Montana, the national champion in 1995 and 2001, will face James Madison, a 48-34 winner over William & Mary on Friday night in the other semifinal, in next week's title game in Chattanooga, Tenn

Tuff Harris set up Montana's first two touchdowns with interceptions, and the Grizzlies sacked

Dustin Long six times, matching the number of times he was sacked this season Sam Houston (11-3) shut down

Montana's running game, so the Grizzlies turned to Ochs Ochs was 22-for-30 for 204

vards and led the Grizzlies in rushing with eight carries for 77 vards. He had touchdown passes of 25 vards to Willie Walden, 4 vards to Tate Hancock and 14 vards to Jon Talmage.

Mary Hardin-Baylor 38, Mount Union 35: In just his third career start freshman quarterback Josh Welch guided Mary Hardin-Baylor into the Division III champion-

Welch threw a 24-vard touchdown pass to Walter Sharp on fourth down with 49 seconds to play, lifting the Crusaders to a 38-35 comeback victory over Mount Union on Saturday in Alliance, Ohio,

It was just the third loss in 123 games for the Purple Raiders, who have won six of the past eight Division III titles.

"It just fell into my hands," said Sharp, who fought off two Purple Raiders to make the catch in swirling snow. "I just squeezed the ball as hard as I could and my teammates jumped on top of me." the senior tight end said

Mount Union 17-0 in the fourth The Crusaders (13-1) will play for their first championship in the Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl on Dec. 18 in Salem, Va., against Linfield,

which beat Rowan 52-0 Saturday "This is the ultimate at this time." Crusaders coach Pete Fredenburg said. "We obviously want to win the national championship but to come here and heat Mount Union is unbelievable. It is something we have talked about playing a team of this caliber, for

Mount Union's previous two losses were in the 1999 semifinals to Rowan - a 24-17 setback after 54 straight wins - and to St John's (Minn.) in last year's title game. That 24-6 loss snapped the longest winning streak in NCAA history at 55 games.

The Crusaders overpowered Mount Union (12-1) on the ground, piling up 308 yards rushing and 477 total - 157 more yards than the Purple Raiders had yielded in any game all sea-

"The rushing yardage tells the ory," said Mount Union coach Larry Kehres, who has a 217-19-3 record in 19 seasons. "A pass won the game, but their runners got them there.'

Linfield 52, Rowan 0: In Mc-Minnville, Ore., Brett Elliott broke the NCAA single-season touchdown record, throwing for 254 yards and three TDS to help Linfield rout Rowan

Elliott, a junior transfer from Utah, connected with Brad McKechnie in the first quarter for his 57th touchdown pass of the season, breaking the record set by former Mississippi Valley State quarterback Willie Totten in 1984

Elliott added TD strikes of 28 and 51 yards to George Carter to extend the record to 59.



USC quarterback Matt Leinart, left, kept Oklahoma quarterback Jason White, right, from repeating as the Heisman Trophy winner.

Heisman: Leinart second USC QB to win award

HEISMAN, FROM BACK PAGE

Leinart had never thrown a pass at USC when he won a four-way battle to replace Palmer in 2003

The left-hander practically matched Palmer's Heisman numbers in his first season as a starter, throwing for 3,556 yards and 38 TDs while leading the Trojans to a share of the national title. He finished sixth in last year's Heis-

man halloting While Bush has provided slew of dazzling plays for USC, the laid-back Leinart is the Tro-

ians' leader.

straight games.

Breaking in a new set of receivers and playing behind a rebuilt offensive line, Leinart has completed 66 percent of his passes with just six interceptions this sea-

"There was a lot of questions going into the season," Leinart said. "I think we answered them." The Trojans are 24-1 with Leinart as a starter and have won 21

USC's first four Heisman winners were running backs, starting with Mike Garrett in 1965 and ending with Marcus Allen in 1981

But Tailback U. has turned into Quarterback College since offensive coordinator Norm Chow arrived with coach Pete Carroll in

Chow turned Palmer from a talented enigma into a potential NFL franchise quarterback. Leinart is Chow's third protégé to win the Heisman, along with BYU's Tv Detmer.

Leinart could also join Palmer as an NFL first-round pick, maybe as soon as April if he decides to skip his final college sea-

That's quite a rise for the geeky kid from Santa Ana, Calif

"No, I was a fat kid and cross-eyed and had glasses about an inch thick," Leinart said. "I use to get made fun of. It's been a long time since those days.

A's reportedly trade Hudson to Dodgers

BY RICK HURD AND JOE RODERICK Contra Costa Times (Walnut Creek, Calif.)

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Tim Hudson sweepstakes apparently came to a conclusion late Saturday night at the Anaheim Marriott. The winner: The Los Angeles Dodgers.

Hudson's agent confirmed Saturday that the Oakland Athletics will trade Hudson to the Dodgers for right-handed pitcher Edwin Jackson and minor-league infielder Antonio Perez. The deal was expected to be announced on Sunday.

"I spoke with an executive from another team, and that's what I've heard," agent Paul Cohen said. "Until I hear from the principles, that's where we stand."

A's spokesman Jim Young told the Contra Costa Times he wasn't aware that any

L.A. sending two prospects to Oakland

deal had been made. General Manager Billy Beane couldn't be reached.

The apparent deal came after a 48-hour period in which several teams fought hard for Hudson, who was perhaps the most attractive trade commodity on the market. Hudson, 29, will earn 86.5 million next season in what will be the final season of his contract. He's expected to command at least \$13 million a season if he hits the free-agent market next winter.

Whether that happens is still unclear, but Beane reiterated Saturday that the A's would not make any trade contingent on the opposing club negotiating a contract extension for Hudson. The deal officially will end the 4½-year reign of the A's Three Aces. Hudson was 92-39 with a 3.30 in six seasons with the A's. He was 12-6 with a 3.53 ERA in 27 starts in what proved to be his closing act. His final A's season also was marred by a

HIS Inial A's season also was marred by a recurrence of a strained left oblique muscle, an injury that has plagued Hudson over the past three season.

In Jackson, the A's will receive one of the top pitching prospects in baseball. Jackson, a 21-year-old right-hander, has gone 4.2 in 12 mouragness (eight starts) in the

majors, and is a hard thrower and was high-

ly coveted by the Arizona Diamondbacks

at last season's trade deadline. The Dodg-

ers' unwillingness to part with Jackson

was reportedly one of the reasons Los Angeles could not make a trade for Diamondbacks left-hander Randy Johnson. The A's also will receive Perez, who hit

The A's also will receive Perez, who hit 296 with 22 homers and 88 RBIs at Triple-A Las Vegas last season.
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With Perez's addition, the future of second baseman Mark Ellis falls into question. Ellis is eligible for arbitration, and the A's could now choose not to tender him a contract offer by the Dec. 20 deadline.

The Baltimore Orioles and St. Louis Cardinals had been major players for Hudson. The A's reportedly had been pushing hard for left-handed pitcher Frik Bedard, but the Orioles were reluctant to part with him. The O's reportedly also have inquired about lefty Barry Zito, but it's unlikely the A's will trade another starting pitcher.

The Cardinals were reportedly offering pitchers Dan Haren and Rick Ankiel.

Pavano picks Yankees after Sox snag Wells

Smoltz returning to starting rotation after Braves deal for closer

BY RONALD BLUM The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — David
Wells made the surprising decision to sign with the Boston Red
Sox, Carl Pavano picked the New
York Yankees and Roger Clemens narrowed his choices to the
Houston Astros or retire-

Baseball free agent roundup

ment.
Pittsburgh
and Cleveland
finalized the
first trade of
the winter

meetings Saturday, with reliever Arthur Rhodes going to the Indians for outfielder Matt Lawton. And Atlanta acquired All-Star closer Dan Kolb from the Milwaukee Brewers for pitching prospect Jose Capellan and a player be named, allowing the Braves to move John Smoltz back into the starting rotation.

Boston also worked to re-sign Pedro Martinez and add shortstop Edgar Renteria. And while the Yankees' efforts to sign Pavano moved forward, there might be a hitch in New York's deal with Jaret Wright, with the team still evaluating the results of his physical.

On the trade front, Oakland discussed dealing Tim Hudson, possibly to the Los Angeles Dodgers. Baseball's annual swapfest also

Insection's animals waghest also mad a bit of specifacie on Day eggs Mayor Oscar Goodman arrived in a loby filled with baseball executives and agents accompanied by too tall showgrifs wearing feathered headdresses and agold-clad Elvis impersonator, campaigning for Major League Baseball to put a team in the gambling mecca. Free-agent first basemen Richies Sexson and Carlos Delgado

ie Sexson and Carlos Delgado also showed up to meet with teams.

Wells, a loud lefty known for his unabashed love of Yankees history, agreed to an \$8 million, two-year contract with Boston that could be worth up to \$18 million over two years, a deal subject



Roger Clemens agreed to arbitration with the Houston Astros on Saturday, ensuring he will pitch for Houston in 2005 if he doesn't retire.

to Wells passing a physical. It will be sort of a Babe Ruth reverse commute for Wells, who spent four seasons with the Yankees during two tours. In June 1997, he even wore a Ruth cap from 1934 during a game against Cleveland.

Red Sox manager Terry Francona declined comment on Wells, but he said he wasn't worried about having too many characters on the defending World Se-

ries champions.
"Last year we had a lot of strong personalities but they didn't really go their own [way]," Francona said. "They just came together. I guess that's what you

Wells, 41, went 12-8 with a 3,73 ERA last season for his hometown San Diego Padres and made \$6 million. He gets a \$3 million signing bonus from the Red Sox, salaries of \$2.5 million a year and the chance to earn \$200,000 per start from 11-20 and \$300,000 per start from 11-30.

"With the offer he got, it looked like it was an easy decision," Yankees General Manager Brian Cashman said.

Cashman wasn't surprised Wells bolted to his old enemy. "Despite his love for the Yankees, he walked away from us last year," Cashman said. "The bottom line is it's a business. He had to do what's best for him and his family."

With Pavano, the Yankees' rotation will get younger. Anaheim, Baltimore, Boston, Detroit and Seattle also sought the right-hander, 18-8 with a 3.00 ERA for Florida last season.

Pavano called his agent, Scott Shapiro, on Saturday morning and informed him of his decision, and Shapiro and Cashman closed in on a four-year contract worth about \$39 million.

New York also has a preliminary agreement with right-hander Wright on a \$21 million, three-year contract, but the Yankees still are evaluating his physical exam, a baseball official said on condition of anonymity, and hasn't determined whether he passed it or failed it.

passed it of raised it.
Wright, who turns 29 later this
month, had shoulder surgery in
2000 and 2001. He went 15-8 with
a 3.28 for Atlanta last season, the
best year of his big league career.

Clemens, 42, said last week that he was leaning toward retirement and his agent, Randy Hendricks, said the seven-time Cy Young Award winner probably will make his decision between Jan. 5-20. If Clemens decides to pitch in 2005, he and the Astros either will agree to a contract or his salary will be determined by an arbi-

"It certainly makes a statement to us about how Roger feels about the Houston Astros," new General Manager Tim Purpura said.

"Our interest is sincere and we'd certainly love to have him back."

Clemens' commitment to the Astros could help the team re-sign star center fielder Carlos Beltran, the prize of this year's free-agent class.

"It's not why we did it, but we understand there might be an impact," Hendricks said. "He thinks the world of Carlos and hopes he re-signs."

Rhodes, a 35-year-old left-hander, was acquired by Pittsburgh from Oakland on Nov. 27 in the trade that sent catcher Jason Kend dall to the Athletics. Rhodes lost his closer's job last season while going 3-3 with a 5.12 ERA for the A's. He will become Bob Wickman's setup man in Cleveland.

"There were a multitude of things that happened to him to explain why he had a bad year. We're still hopeful he's going to be a strong, solid contributor in the bullpen," Cleveland General Manager Mark Shapiro said. Lawton was a huge disappoint-

ment with the Indians, who acquired him in the 2001 trade that sent Roberto Alomar to the New York Mets. The 33-year-old battled injuries during much of his three seasons in Cleveland.

"He's got some power, a left-handed hitter, it adds some nice balance to our offense," General Manager Dave Littlefield said. Smoltz won 24 games and the

NL Cy Young Award as a starter in 1996 before moving to the bull-pen full-time in 2002. He set an NL record that year with 55 saves, joining Hall of Famer Dennis Eckersley as the only pitchers with seasons of 55 saves and 20

"It's nice when one of your leaders is willing to do whatever is needed. We need him to start," Braves General Manager John Schuerholz said.

Anaheim close to reeling in Clement

The Los Angeles Times

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Anaheim Angels have identified Matt Clement as their top target in the free-agent pitching market and are confident they will be able to sign the former Chicago Cubs right-hander to a three-year deal in the \$21 million range, perhaps as early as Sunday or Monday.

"It appears that we're going to have an opportunity to get something done in an area we expected to get something done in an area we expected to get something done." General Manager Bill Stoneman said Saturday, alluding to the team's pursuit of a starting pitcher but declining to identify the player. "We've had conversations that suggest to us that there's a pretty good chance of getting something done. I awe a good feeling about it."

The Angels were also monitoring the Jaret Wright situation Saturday and were poised to offer the former Atlanta Braves right-hander a one-year contract if his three-year, \$21 million agreement with the New York Yankees fell through.

But ESPN reported late Saturday that after failing his physical, Wright took another one Saturday night and passed, paving the way for the eight-year veteran and son of former Angels pitcher Clyde Wright to finalize his deal with the New York Yankees.

With Carl Pavano agreeing to a four-year, \$30 million deal with the Yankees on Saturday, Russ Orltz signing a four-year, \$33 million deal with Arzona on Friday and Eric Milton on the verge of signing with the Yankees, the Angels decided to move quickly on Clement, one of the few remaining starters on their free-agent priority list.

Heavyweight champ Klitschko pummels outclassed Williams

BY TIM DAHLBERG The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS - Vitali Klitschko made one statement with his fists and another with his mouth. Both came through loud and clear in a dominating title defense that elevated him to the top of a crowded list of heavyweight champions.

Klitschko staked his claim to being the true heavyweight champion Saturday night, knocking down Danny Williams four times and giving him a savage beating before finally stopping him in the eighth round

He then dedicated the victory democracy in his native Ukraine, where he planned to head Sunday to support the opposition presidential candidate.

"I feel this was the best performance of my career," Klitschko "But this victory was not just for me, but also for democracy in the Ukraine."

Klitschko retained his WBC

heavyweight title in a lopsided fight that left Williams bloodied. battered and barely able to see.

Williams was taken to a hospital for a brain scan after the fight, while Klitschko also went to have X-rays taken of his swollen hands to see if they were broken from hitting Williams on the head so times.

Williams remained game even after the final knockdown in the eighth round, getting up at the count of nine and wanting to continue. But referee Jay Nady decided he had taken enough punishment and waved the fight to a close at 1:26 of the round.

"I feel I am the real heavy-weight champion," Klitschko said. "I'm willing to fight any-

Klitschko, who owns just one of the three major heavyweight titles, made a case for being the best of the three champions in a dominating effort against a game but completely outclassed challenger.

Klitschko did something Mike Tyson couldn't do against Williams, knocking him down in the first round and giving him such a beating that Williams couldn't come back as he did in his upset over Tyson.

Williams (32-4) tried his best. plodding after Klitschko in the hird round, but he rarely got inside the 6-foot-7 champion's stiff iab and took a pounding from his right hand.

"My strategy was to use my reach because I knew he would try to get close to me," Klitschko

There had been questions about Klitschko's stamina and his tendency to cut around his eyes, but he had no problems with either in a fight he dominated from the opening hell.

With his brother, Wladimir, working the corner, Klitschko swarmed all over Williams in the opening round, landing 52 punches to only four for the challenger.



The Ukraine's Vitali Klitschko, lands a right to the face of Britain's Danny Williams, in the first round of their WBC heavyweight title fight Saturday in Las Vegas. Klitschko stopped Williams in the eighth round.

He knocked Williams down with seconds left in the round and

Klitschko wore an orange flag on his trunks signifying his sun. port for Ukrainian presidential candidate Viktor Yushchenko.

Others in the crowd waved Ukrainian flags and orange flags, the color of their candidate's cam-

Klitschko (35-2, 34 knockouts) knocked Williams down in the first, third and seventh rounds before the final knockdown.

"I was surprised because he never gave up," Klitschko said. "I was surprised how strong his chin was

because of the emergence of rook-

ie Julius Jones, the return to

health of third-down back Richie

Anderson, and with ReShard Lee returning kickoffs and Darian

Barnes the team's only fullback.

George's streak of 130 consecu-

tive starts for the Titans and Cow-

boys ended Sept. 27, when Dallas

opened the game with an empty backfield. His 10,433 career

vards rushing rank 16th in NFL

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Montgomerie stays on Target

THOUSAND OAKS Calif. -Colin Montgomerie passed a big test Saturday, overcoming a few obnoxious fans and a pairing with Tiger Woods to post a 4-under 67 and take a two-shot lead in the Target World Challenge.

Montgomerie was hardly intimidated playing with the tournament host



needing only four holes to put four shots between them on the leader board.

And when Jay Haas made a charge into the lead, the 41-year-old Scot responded with a 4-iron into 8 feet for eagle on the par-5 16th and a 9-iron into 8 feet for another birdie on the 17th to finish at 13-under 200. "There's no satisfaction beat-

ing any player," Montgomerie said. "The satisfaction comes from seeing your name on the top of the leader board."

Sweeter yet would be seeing it there Sunday afternoon, having Woods hand him the trophy and cashing the \$1.25 million check, the fourth-largest payout. Woods recovered from a terri-

ble start - 3 over after four holes with a birdie-par-birdie finish for a 69 that left him two shots behind along with Haas (67) and Jim Furyk, who birdied five of his last six holes for a 67

Miguel Angel Jimenez had the low round of the day at 66 and was another shot behind

Injured Dolphins WR Boston suspended for four games

NEW YORK - Miami Dolphins wide receiver David Boston was suspended by the NFL for four games for testing positive for steroids, but he will not miss any



Rode Miller celebrates in Val

season with a knee injury.

\$5.35 million salary.

any time

D'Isere, France, after winning a

World Cup giant slalom Sunday.

games because he is out for the

Boston, however, will lose

The suspension also means Bos-

ton can be subject to more strin-

gent testing for steroids under the

NFL program. The league has ran-

dom testing, but this means he

can be tested without notice at

Last week, he pleaded innocent

to assault charges in Burlington,

Vt. He was accused of striking a

ticket attendant at Burlington In-

George inactive vs. Saints

George missed the first game of

his NFL career Sunday after play-

ing in 140 straight, made inactive

by the Dallas Cowboys not be-

cause of injury but because he

ternational Airport in October.

IRVING, Texas

\$1.34 million, one-fourth of his

Miller wins giant slalom VAL D'ISERE, France

World Cup overall leader Bode Miller won a giant slalom for the second time this season Sunday. rallying from fourth place in the opening leg. Miller, who took the sea-

on-opening giant slalom but failed to complete the one in Beaver Creek, Colo., covered the shadowy course in a combined time of 2 minutes, 20.66 seconds. The American needed to make up 0.30 seconds after the first run. "It's such a tough course," said

Miller, who won his weight in local wine - about 90 bottles in addition to his prize money.

Miller now leads the overall standings with 630 points, a whopping 291 ahead of second-place Hermann Maier, who finished third on Sunday

NHL World Stars beat Russians in shootout

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia -Mats Sundin and Luc Robitaille scored in a nenalty shootout, se curing victory for the NHL World Stars in a two-game series against

The World Stars won 5-4 on Sunday to tie the series 1-1 after losing 5-4 to the Russians in Mos-

wasn't needed. Coach Bill Parcells onted to keep the 1995 Heisman Trophy cow on Saturday.

Eddie



Marquette's Travis Diener celebrates as he runs in front of his team's bench after hitting a three-pointer during the second half against No. 24 Wisconsin on Saturday night. Marquette beat the Badgers 63-54.

Deiner's 29 carries unbeaten Marquette

Eagles jump out to big early lead, hold on late vs. No. 24 Wisconsin

BY ARNIE STAPLETON

MILWAUKEE — Travis Diener and Mike Wilkinson played hurt but with very different re-

Diener scored 29 points despite aggravating a sprained ankle in the first half and led unbeaten Marquette past No. 24 Wisconsin 63-54 Saturday night.

"We've never held our halftime in the training room, but we moved the grease boards and everything in and we had guss sting ting on Gatorade coolers and looking over shoulders," Golden Eagles coach Tom Crean said. "He did more than just play well, he led well."

Wilkinson was unable to do either. Bothered by a lower leg injury, the Badgers' senior big man and No. 2 scorer managed just two points and one rebound in 23 minutes and spent about half the game on the bench watching Marquette beat the Badgers at their own game: taking the ball to the basket and hitting the boards.

Marquette outrebounded the taller Badgers 44-28 behind senior Marcus Jackson's career-high 15, 12 on the defensive end, in just 21 minutes. Wisconsin had just four offensive boards.

Diener scored 10 points in Marquette's game-opening 12-1 spurt and the Golden Eagles (9-0) led thereafter in beating their instate rivals for just the second time in six tries under Crean.

After the improvised halftime talk and re-taping, Diener sank two three-pointers to start the second half and had 21 points to Wisconsin's 23, giving the Eagles a 40-23 lead.

"He was up to the challenge tonight," Wisconsin coach Bo Ryan marveled. "He can score, he can find people. What else do you want in a point guard?"

marveied. The can score, he can find people. What else do you want in a point guard?" As for his own gutsy player, Ryan regretted allowing Wilkinson to play.

"I normally have a policy that if a guy doesn't participate for two straight days he doesn't play," Ryan said. "I'll take the hit on that one. There was a shot in the second half where it was obvious he could not push off. We knew he had to come out."

Alando Tucker scored 13 points for the Badgers (5-2) and Sharif Chambliss added 12 points, but was dominated by Diener on both ends of the court.

Marquette's Steve Novak added 11 points, including a three-pointer that made it 52-40 with 4:42 left after the Badgers finally cut the deficit below double figures on Tucker's three-pointer.

The Badgers made a furious rally over the final five minutes but got no closer than six points, and the sellout crowd of 18,611 delighted in singing, "Over-rated!"

Stony Brook uses 7-0 run to top Navy in overtime

The Associated Pres

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Mike Orfini followed his tip-in with 90 seconds left in overtime with three more points during a 7-0 game-closing run as Stony Brook beat Navy 80-78 on Saturday night.

Antwan Hardy scored 19 points to lead Stony Brook (4-3). Center Cori Spencer chipped in with 16 points and added nine rebounds, helping the Seawolves to a 60-44 advantage on the boards.

Navy (3-5) made up for the rebounding disadvantage by forcing a season-high 21 turnovers, eight over Stony Brook's season average.

Navy was led by David Hopper with 23 points. Matt Fannin scored 18 points and grabbed 11 rebounds and Laramie Mergerson scored 12 points and blocked three shots.

Stony Brook Kansas makes Lafayette pay for payday

BY DOUG TUCKER
The Associated Press

LAWRENCE, Kan. — The Ragin' Cajuns of Louisiana-Lafayette earned every nickel of that big paycheck Saturday night. Dominant from the opening tip, No. 2 Kan-

sas built an early 30-point lead and coasted to a 96-51 victory in a mismatch that guaranteed the outmanned visitors \$50,000. Louisiana-Lafayette coach Robert Lee seemed almost reluctant to admit that he was

seemed almost reluctant to admit that he was the one who made the final decision to add the Kansas trip.

"We should shoot that guy," the first-year head coach said.

"Kansas gives us a nice payday. Hopefully we will use that for our program."

Keith Langford had 19 of his 24 points during a torrid first half and J.R. Giddens had 14 of his 16 before the break. Most of the starters for Kansas (6-0) went to the bench with more than 10 minutes left in the mismatch between the preseason favorite in the Big 12 and the three-time defending champion of the Sun

Had they stayed in, several Jayhawks might have soared past their career highs. "I wasn't disappointed," Giddens said of

"I wasn't disappointed," Giddens said of coming out so early. "That means my other teammates got to play and that's what it's all about. They deserve it because they make us better every day in practice."

Langford, after a slow start following knee surgery, has 62 points in his last three games. He was 7-for-9 in the first half as the Jav-



Kansas guard Keith Langford, left, drives past Louisiana-Lafayette's Brian Hamilton (45) for a first-half basket, No.2 Kansas rolled 96-51.

hawks rolled up a 54-22 lead in their sixth straight home game.

"To tell you the truth, I probably wasn't being as aggressive as I should have," Langford said. "We got some floor time out of guys who don't get to play as much, and that's good for them. I'd have been fine if I hadn't even played the second half." Louisiana-Lafayette (3-4) was led by Tiras Wade and Brian Hamilton with 12 points each. The Ragin' Cajuns got no closer than 35 points after the first few minutes of the second half. They shot only 32 percent.

"We got a chance to play a lot of guys," Kansas coach Bill Self said. "Louisiana-Lafayette has played better than they did tonight."

Wayne Simien had 11 points and 12 rebounds before resting with 10:45 left.

The game, never competitive, began getting completely out of hand midway through the second half, when Aaron Miles stole the ball at midcourt and drove in for a basket and a 65-27 lead. A moment later, Simien hit a short jumper and the lead climbed to 40.

"They sat in a zone and Keith and J.R. made some big shots to get them out of the zone," Simien said, "It was curtains after that."

The Ragin' Cajuns got it down to 35 on Dwayne Mitchell's three-pointer, but freshman Alex Galindo's three-pointer with 6:59 left put Kansas on top 80-39.

The loss kept the Cajuns winless in five road games this season.

"We just didn't do a good job on defense," Lee said. "Even against our zone, Langford was able to penetrate."

Wade, Hamilton and Orien Greene had combined to average 44.9 points in the Cajuns' first six games. But they totaled only 28 against the Jayhawks.

"Shooting is a question mark with this team," Lee said.

"With us not being able to execute, we had the wrong guys taking shots."

Ga. Tech too much for AFA to handle

BY PAUL NEWBERRY The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Georgia Tech likes to run every chance it gets, but Air Force wasn't about to let the Yellow Jackets play that style of game.

So, the Yellow Jackets had to show a little patience.

Luke Schenscher scored 15 points and No. 3 Georgia Tech overcame Air Force's slow pace for a 64-42 victory Saturday

The Vellow Jackets (6-0) were forced into a game that was totally out of character. They attempted a season-low 40 shots and failed to make a three-pointer for the first time since 1987.

"They definitely took control of the tempo," Schenscher said. "We couldn't run it like we normally like to do."

Georgia Tech still managed to dominate, leading 32-12 at halftime and holding the Falcons (6-3) to 28 percent shooting (15-of-54) from the field.

"We come in knowing that we're No. 3," Schenscher said. "We have to show everyone why we're there. We don't look past anyone'

The 7-foot-1 Schenscher towered over everyone, taking full advantage of the mismatch. He made six of nine shots, had three blocks and grabbed eight rebounds, leading the Yellow Jackets to a commanding 35-22 edge on the boards.

Air Force stretched out the



Georgia Tech's B.J. Elder drives to the basket past Air Force's Antoine Hood during the first half of Saturday's game. No. 3 Georgia Tech beat the Falcons 64-42.

shot clock on nearly every possession with its Princeton-style offense, but that merely kept the score from getting totally out of

Air Force was hopelessly overmatched in size and quickness That was epitomized at the center position, where Schenscher held a five-inch, 40-pound advantage over Nick Welch, who still managed to lead the Falcons with 16 points.

He didn't get much help. No other Air Force player scored more than six

The Falcons were the antithesis of Georgia Tech, putting up more than half their shots from beyond the arc. They made only seven of 33, however.

"Whether it was intimidation or just being anxious out there, we didn't play our brand of basketball," coach Chris Mooney

"We missed a couple of shots, didn't create as many opportuni-ties as we normally do and that's

Syracuse finally gets back to winning ways after loss

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - The first

loss of the season is never easy to get over, and it took Syracuse a little bit longer than expected.

Playing a team it had beaten by a combined 104 points in three previous games, No. 4 Syracuse led Binghamton only 36-28 at halftime Saturday night before pulling away for an 86-56 victory Hakim Warrick had 20 points and Gerry McNamara 18 to lead the

The offense rushed it and we had some bad turnovers (in the first half)," Syracuse coach Jim Boeheim said. "The second half we backed off our press, got softer, got a couple of turnovers, which gave us some momentum

In the first half, Binghamton (2-5) forced the Orange (8-1) into 10 turnovers matched their 21 rebounds, and held a 9-6 edge on the offensive glass. Maybe that loss to No. 5 Oklahoma State in the Jimmy V Classic on Tuesday was still haunting them.

"You want to put it behind you. No matter what, no matter how hard you play, it's a long season and you're going to have to lose some games," said Warrick, who missed only one of six free throws after botching eight against the Cowboys. "It's good to go out there, get that experience early in the year against a tough team. We just have to put it behind us and learn from it, and tonight was a good sten forward

No. 10 Kentucky 73, Indiana 58: At Louisville, Ky., Patrick Sparks scored 16 points and Kentucky dominated Indiana inside.

Chuck Hayes added 14 points and nine rebounds for Kentucky (6-1), which has won five straight



games and 12 of the last 14 in its annual series against Indiana (2-4). Bracev Wright led Indiana with 31 points.

The Hoosiers have lost four straight games, the third time in as many seasons they've had a losing streak of at least four games.

No. 11 Pittsburgh 84, Penn State 71: At State College, Pa., Krauser scored a ca. reer-high 28 points and Pittsburgh held off Penn State flurries in each half, giving the Panthers their third 7-0 record in as many ns. The Panthers beat the Nittany Lions (5-4) for a fourth consecutive season

No. 12 N.C. State 94, Liberty **60:** At Raleigh, N.C., Julius Hodge had 27 points, nine rebounds and nine assists.

Freshman Andrew Brackman added a season-high 13 points for the Wolfpack (7-0), who matched best ninth-year coach Herb Sendek.

No. 13 Louisville 74, Florida 70: At Gainesville, Fla., Taquan Dean scored 22 points, Francisco Garcia added 19 and Louisville withstood a late rally.

Rick Pitino improved to 20-1 against former assistant coaches and players, extending his record to 6-0 against Billy Donovan. No. 15 Arizona 67, Utah 62:

At Tucson, Ariz., Channing Frye scored 19 points despite foul trouble and Hassan Adams slammed home a rebound with 40 seconds

to play. The victory was the 1.000th for

years at the high school, junior college and major college level.

No. 18 Alabama 75, Temple 71: At Tuscaloosa, Ala., Earnest Shelton scored 22 points, and Alabama hit six of 10 free throws in the final 62 seconds

The Crimson Tide (8-1) led by 12 points early in the second half But the Owls (3-4), paced by Mark Tyndale's 22 points and seven rebounds, rallied with seven three-pointers in the first

13 minutes after the break. No. 20 Michigan St. 78, Stanford 53: At Auburn Hills, Mich Paul Davis scored 20 points and keved a first-half surge for the Spartans.

Michigan State (5-2) took control with an 18-4 run midway through the first half and was able to coast the rest of the way. Matt Haryasz led the Cardinal (2-4) with 12 points.

No. 21 George Washington 79, St. Francis, Pa. 65: At Loretto, Pa., Pops Mensah-Bonsu scored 17 points, and George Washington used a 20-2 run late in the first half to take control.

George Washington (6-1) was playing for the first time since knocking off ranked opponents Michigan State and Maryland on consecutive days last week

No. 22 Mississippi St. 83, Arkansas-Little Rock 53: At Starkville, Miss., Lawrence Roberts scored 21 of his season-high 27 points in the first half to lead Mississippi State.

No. 25 Gonzaga 75, Saint Louis 45: At Spokane, Wash., Adam Morrison scored 20 points and Gonzaga (7-1) won despite just two points from Ronny Turiaf, who averages 23



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Illini make claim to stay at No. 1

BY NANCY ARMOUR The Associated Press

CHICAGO - When Luther Head came off the floor after pregame warmups, he realized he'd forgotten to put on his uniform jer-

It might have been No. 1 Illinois' only lapse of the day.

Head had a season-high 23 points on 8-of-10 shooting, and all five starters reached double figures to lead Illinois to an 83-66 rout of Oregon on Saturday.

Deron Williams added 17 and seven assists. Dee Brown had 13 points and James Augustine had 10 points and eight rebounds. Roger Powell Jr. finished with 12 points despite spending most of the first half on the bench with foul trouble.

"If you have any type of slippage whatsoever, they really make you pay," Oregon coach Ernie Kent said. "Every ranking they've gotten, they deserve. They've got a chance to have a special year.

history Illinois (9-0) has been ranked No. 1, but it's never been able to stay on top for more than a week. The Illini should break that streak now, winning all three of their games this week in convincing fashion.

"We're just worried about getting better and preparing for each game as it came to us," Williams said, "Hopefully we can keep that ranking for a little longer." All of the Illini's wins have

been by double digits, and they've vet to trail in the second half. While they weren't as dominant as they were in last week's victory over then-No. 1 Wake Forest, they still put on quite a show.

They led the Ducks (4-1) from the opening tip and shot 58 percent. Oregon couldn't get within single digits the last 25 minutes of the game, and Illinois led by as much as 21 in the second half

The Illini had assists on 20 of their 29 baskets, and were 19-for-22 from the free throw line, not missing one until almost midway through the second half. "That gives us confidence. knowing we're playing so well in

the No. 1 spot," Head said Bryce Taylor (19) and Malik Hairston (14) were the only Ore-gon players in double figures. Leading scorer Aaron Brooks was held to a season-low seven points while Ian Crosswhite had just

four. 10 below his average.

'They're very disciplined," Taylor said. "Their coach has them to the point where they never take any plays off, no possessions off. We ran, they ran. They saw that if we wanted to run, they could run

Oregon had final exams this week and hadn't played since last Saturday. But the Illini might have been too much for the Ducks even in a regular week.

"When they told me it was going to be a packed house, it kind of shook me a little bit," said Head, one of the Illini's eight Chicago-area natives. "I was hoping we were going to have a good game, and we did."

Kobe too much for Clippers

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - Kobe Bryant scored 37 points and had 10 rebounds as the Lakers extended their domination of the Clippers with an 89-87 victory Saturday night

Early on, the sellout crowd of 19,697 seemed to side with the Clippers, who share the arena with the Lakers and were the home team for the game.

By the fourth quarter, though, **NBA**

building the rocking was with chants of "Kobe! Kobe!" "It was a little bit of both, Bryant said of

the crowd. "It was hot and cold. "I just love playing in high-ener-

gy places." The game was close most of the way, with Bryant helping pull it out by scoring nine points in a late 4:39 span.

"No. 8 [Bryant] was huge for us," said Lamar Odom, who added 19 points and 12 rebounds. "He made so many plays tonight with guys in his face, and he can hit shots from anywhere.'

Bryant finished 13-for-32 from the field, but was perfect on 10 shots from the line as the Lakers made all their 20 free throws. The Clippers went 18-for-22

from the line. Bryant missed making it three triple-doubles in a row, finishing with five assists.

The Clippers had a chance to tie it in the final seconds, but Corey Maggette's off-balance running jumper went in and out of the basket after kissing the glass.

"I'm just totally upset, especially when it comes down where you can tie the game and go into over-time," Maggette said. "You have an opportunity to make the shot - and it goes in and out."

The Lakers have beaten the Clippers five straight, including a 103-86 decision last month, and 28 of 31 dating to 1997.

Maggette scored 27 points, and Mikki Moore, getting his first start for the Clippers, added 18 points and 14 rebounds.

The Clippers were without leading rebounder Elton Brand, serving a one-game suspension for shoving Charlotte's Emeka Okafor in Monday's game. Moore start-ed in place of Brand.

Kerry Kittles, playing only his second game for the Clippers, scored 15 points and had five assists in 31 minutes. Obtained from New Jersey in an offseason trade, Kittles has been sidelined because of complications from off-season knee surgery.

Kings 97. Pacers 92 (OT): Chris Webber had 26 points, 10 rebounds and six assists, and Mike Bibby added 21 points to help Sac-ramento hold off host Indiana.

Indiana had six players reach double figures, but Reggie Miller missed his last eight shots and the Pacers lost their seventh straight.

Sacramento's Brad Miller, an All-Star with Indiana, sealed the win with four free throws in the final 9 seconds of overtime.

Sacramento has won six of its



Los Angeles Lakers' Kobe Bryant dunks against the Los Angeles Clippers in the second half in Los Angeles on Saturday.

last seven games.

Austin Croshere led the Pacers with 21 points - 13 in the fourth quarter and overtime. Jeff Foster added 11 points and 18 rebounds.

Mayericks 102. Rockets 78: At Houston, Michael Finley scored a season-high 26 points and led a huge third-quarter charge as Dallas handed Houston its biggest loss of the season.

Finley, recovering from a sprained right ankle, hit five of his eight three-point attempts. He made four straight three-pointers in a 23-8 run in the third quarter.

Dirk Nowitzki added 22 points and 14 rebounds for Dallas, and Tracy McGrady led Houston with

Grizzlies 72, Pistons 68: Pau Gasol scored 20 points and Shane Battier hit four free throws in the final 20 seconds to lead the Grizzlies to a win at home.

Battier broke a 68-68 tie with two free throws with 19.4 seconds remaining, and added two more with 12 seconds left to complete the scoring. Detroit's Rasheed Wallace missed a pair of three-pointers and had another shot blocked by Gasol in the final seconds

Wallace had 22 points for the Pistons, and Richard Hamilton scored 18

Spurs 116, Cavaliers 97: At San Antonio, Tim Duncan scored 34 points, and San Antonio had its

best shooting night of the season. The Spurs shot 84 percent from

the floor in the first half to take a 69-45 lead, and finished the night at 66 percent

Cleveland's Drew Gooden scored a season-high 28, and LeB-ron James added 23 points and 10

Nets 95, Hawks 90: Richard Jefferson scored 19 of his 21 points in the second half, and Travis Best, starting in place of Jason Kidd, had a season-high 21 for visiting New Jersey.

Kidd, who played 17 minutes as he continues to recover from a knee injury, hit five of six free throws in the final 33.4 seconds and finished with nine points.

Antoine Walker led the Hawks with 25 points and 13 rebounds.

Celtics 98, SuperSonics 84: Paul Pierce scored 22 points and Gary Payton had 21 against his former team to help Roston span a three-game losing streak.

Payton set the tempo against the club he led for 13 seasons, outdueling second-year point guard Luke Ridnour, and the Celtics held Seattle to a season-low 32.6 percent from the floor and kept the Sonics scoreless in the final 3

minutes Mark Blount added 11 points for Boston, and Tony Allen had 12 to help the Celtics hand Seattle its first homecourt loss in 10 games this season. Boston is responsible for two of Seattle's four losses on

Rashard Lewis scored 19 noints to lead the Sonics and Ray Allen had 16.

NBA scoreboard

Eastern Conference Atlantic Division

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Boston Philadelphia	8	11	.421	1 2			
Philadelphia	7	12	.368	2			
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Orlando	13	6	.684	-			
Miami	14	7	.667	_			
Washington	11	6	.647	1 8			
Charlotte	- 4	13	.235				
Atlanta	- 4	16	.200	91/2			
Central Division							
Cleveland	12	8	.600	_			
Detroit	10	10	.500	2			
Indiana	10	10	.500	2.			
Milwaukee	6	11	.353	41/2			
Chicago	- 4	14	.222	7			

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Utah	9	11	450	71/5				
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Grizzlies 72, Pistons 68

DETROIT — Prince 3-8 0-0 6, R.Wallace 8-20 4-5 22, B.Wallace 4-9 1-4 9, Billups 2-10 4-4 9, Hamilton 8-2 10-0 18, Dupre 9-2 1-2 1, Millico 0-2 0-0 0, Hunter 1-1 1-2 3, Ham 0-0 0-0 0, Campbell 0-0 0-0, Totals 2-67 3-11-17 68, MMDPHIS — Battier 1-6-6-8, Gasol 9-17-2-2 2 Wright 4-12 1-4 9, Walston 4-72-2 11, Millico 0-0 0-0, Wells 2-1 1-2 9, Destyo 3-1 1-1, Swift 3-9 2-8, Burks 1-3 0-2 2, Totals 2-7-2

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Bulls 99, Timberwolves 88

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NBA calendar

Jan. 5 — 10-day contracts may be signed. Jan. 10 — All player contracts guaranteed

Jan. 10 — All player contracts guarancesu or rest of the season. Feb. 18-20 — All-Star weekend, Denver. Feb. 24 — Trading deadline, 3 p.m. EST. April 20 — Regular season ends. April 23 — Playoffs begin Tayoffs begin Tay

date. June 21 — Early entry draft withdrawal ueadline.

June 23 — Latest possible NBA Finals end date.

ne 28 – NBA draft. New York

Gordon steps up for Bulls

BY RICK GANO

The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Ben Gordon's still making the difficult adjustment from college star to the NBA, but Saturday night he showed why the Chicago Bulls made him a first-round choice.

Gordon scored a career-high 31 points, rescuing the Bulls from a furious Minnesota rally with 16 in the fourth quarter, as Chicago nearly blew a 24-point lead before beating the Timberwolves 99-88

"I kind of got hot right away. I felt like I was back at UConn or something," Gordon said

Gordon was 13-for-24 from the field, including 7-for-9 in the final period, and had made all four of his three-pointers. He's coming off the bench right now and his rate Saturday night was a point a minute - 31 points in 31 minutes.

kinda had to feel my way out. I'm starting to come along. I still have a lot of learning to do and there are things I can get better at, Gordon added

"I just figured there were some growing pains. Every level of basketball I played, I always struggled at the beginning until I figured it out. I'm just starting to get a little more comfortable

Minnesota trailed by 24 in the second quarter and rallied within one in the final period but couldn't get the lead because Gordon scored 10 straight points for the Bulls at one juncture, hitting a pair of three-pointers

Gordon's final basket of the game came with the Bulls comfortably ahead in the closing seconds. He started to dribble out the clock, but then shot it just before the buzzer.

"I saw the basket and my eyes lit up," Gordon said.

Minnesota's Kevin Garnett was impressed with Gordon's game, but not the final shot.

"That was bull," said Garnett, who had 16 points - matching his season low — and 21 rebounds. "If he was going to the basket it would have been different. ... Gordon just came out and had a monster game. It's our first time seeing the young fellow play or at least playing against him He had a good game

Kirk Hinrich added 19 points for the Bulls (4-14), who had lost 10 straight to Minnesota and not beaten the Timberwolves since the days of Michael Jordan on April 3, 1998

Tyson Chandler added 10 points and 16 rebounds for Chicago.

Sam Cassell scored 17 points, but Minnesota shot just 36 per-



Chicago Bulls center Eddy Curry reacts after scoring against the Minnesota Timberwolves.

"We didn't deserve to win this game, plain and simple," Cassell said. "We came out lackadaiscal. They made shots when they were supposed to make shots, and Ben Godon had the game of his life."

By themselves, Allen, Lewis

Dallas coach Don Nelson said

Seattle's 17-4 start has included

The Sonics' schedule gets

all at home - in a span of 15

One of those games is a nation-

ally televised matchup with the

Suns next Friday night

super light with only three games

against the Sacramento

a pair of victories over the Spurs, one against the Mavericks and

Backups taking heat off of Shaq

BY TIM REYNOLDS The Associated Press

MIAMI - Shaquille O'Neal's opinion of Christian Laettner has come full circle.

"I used to hate Christian Laett-O'Neal recently deadpanned.

Then they became teammates in Miami, with O'Neal carrying the bulk of the inside load while Laettner and Michael Doleac relieve the 11-time All-Star center from the pounding he takes on the floor. Early results suggest this is a good mix, with the Heat having the most wins in the East ern Conference.

O'Neal is averaging 20.1 points and 11.2 rebounds for Miami (14-7). He's getting plenty of rest in most games, and is on pace to average what would be a ca-reer-low 34 minutes — which would conceivably allow him to be more rested for the playoff

Doleac and Laettner - both free-agent signings during the summer - combined to make six of nine shots, score 14 points and grab 10 rebounds in Miami's 92-84 win over Memphis on Friday night. The main contributions came from Dwyane Wade (26 points, nine rebounds, nine as-sists) and O'Neal (20 points), but the work of the backups was duly

"One of the things that has sort of gone unnoticed in the last five games here by people is that our

backup big guys are doing a very, very good job for us," Heat coach Stan Van Gundy said. We're getting good play out of Christian and Mike virtually every night."

introduction Miami didn't go exactly as he

hoped. He missed the season's first 11

games with a sore knee, but he has made 50.3 percent of his shots since being activated from the injured list. He scored 23 last week in Miami's

105-81 road win over Chicago. "My body feels fine," Laettner said. "All I need is reps and time and some experience out there on the court, and things will come around. And they are starting to come around. I'm getting a feel out there. I'm doing a little better here and there.

Doleac's numbers don't seem impressive: a 3.2 point average, with only one double-digit game. Yet he's making nearly half his shots and plays defense effective-ly enough that Van Gundy doesn't unnecessarily rush through his rest stops. rush

"I just do my job and try to play solid basketball," Doleac said. "We all understand what we're here to do. We're here to win games. It's not rocket science. When it's time for Shaq to get a

blow, we go in and try to hold down the fort " The big man is appreciative.

"For the first time in my career, I can feel comfortable about sitting down," O'Neal said. "These guys are my first true backups. I can get some rest. Mike's going to put up six to eight (points). Christian's going to put up six to eight. So as long as those guys keep doing that and remain confident, we're going to go a long way.

Slowest federal judge likely to get brawl appeal

By CHRIS SHERIDAN The Associated Press

The appeal by the National Basketball Players' Association of commissioner David Stern's brawl-related suspensions is almost certain to eventually end up

When it does, it'll be argued in front of the slowest federal judge

Calling him the "unchallenged

NBA notes

in U.S. district court

king of delayed sions. The New Vork Times reported that Judge George B Daniels had 289 mo-

tions in civil cases pending for more than six months - more than three times the number of nending motions than any other judge on the Manhattan federal Arbitrator Roger Kaplan, who

presided over a grievance hearing Thursday that the league boycotted, has indicated he will issu a ruling no sooner than the latter part of this week.

If Kaplan rules in favor of the union on the issues of jurisdiction and whether Stern's suspensions were excessive, the case will quickly shift to federal court. Union director Billy Hunter has said the players would probably have to file suit seeking enforcement of Kaplan's decision.

The league already has a suit over the arbitration hearing pending before Judge Daniels, whose backlog of pending motions is by far the highest of any judge in the nation, according to statistics compiled by the Administrative Office of U.S. Courts in Washing-

The league's decision to not participate in Thursday's hearing before Kaplan could be a risky one.

The NBA initially planned to sit out the portion of the hearing dealing with Kaplan's jurisdiction, but take part in the actual grievproceeding to defend Stern's punishments — some of the longest in NBA history.



Seattle SuperSonics' Nick Collison (4) drives around Boston Celtic's Al Jefferson on Saturday. The Sonics are off to a surprising 17-4 start.

Ron Artest was suspended for the remainder of the season, Stephen Jackson for 30 games, Jermaine O'Neal for 25 and Anthony Johnson for five games for their roles in a brawl with fans at a Nov. 19 game between the Indiana Pacers and Detroit Pistons

But by deciding to boycott the entire proceeding, the league deprived itself of its lone opportunity to justify the length of the suspensions in front of an arbitrator whose judgment could become

"As soon as we allow him to conduct a hearing, we lose a right that we bargained for — that you don't have some third party dealing with the merits of what's going on out on the court," NBA deputy commissioner Russ Granik said Friday. "This is too critical to the process for us, even while recognizing there's some risk to that.

If Kaplan finds in the union's favor and the federal judge bucks his own history and issues a speedy enforcement ruling, it is not inconceivable that O'Neal and Jackson - and perhaps even Artest - could be playing for Indiana on Christmas Day when the Pistons and Pacers meet for the first time since the brawl.

Sonics defying predictions

with their back-to-back road victo ries Wednesday and Thursday at San Antonio and Dallas.

with the league's best record, 17-3, but lost to Boston on Saturday.

To say they have been the league's biggest surprise would he a vast understatement - even given the comparable start of the Phoenix Suns, who opened with 16 wins in their first 19 games.

"Some of the critics picked us to finish last in our division but we really have good chemistry,' Sonics guard Ray Allen said "We're playing hard and we have some really good shooters. It's a combination that's tough to stop.

It's safe to say the Seattle Super-Sonics won over a few navsavers

Karl Malone still needs 1,460 points to surpass Kareem Abdul-Jabbar as the leading scor-Seattle entered the weekend er in NBA history, and it seems likely he'll begin reducing that deficit sometime this season

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But where? Knicks president Isiah Thomas, who still bears a nasty scar above his left eye from a gash caused by Malone's elbow in 1991 that required 40 stitches to close, placed a call to Malone's agent earlier this week trying to coax the Mailman into playing in

San Antonio and Miami also are interested in the services of 41-year-old Malone, who ruled out a return to the Los Ange-Allen is averaging 24.2 points les Lakers

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USC's Leinart wins Heisman

Past two winners will make history when they play for national title

BY RALPH D. RUSSO

NEW YORK — Matt Leinart got a hearty handshake and a bear hug from Jason White, one Heisman Trophy winner congratulating the other.

The next time the two compete will be far less cordial — and a lot more historic.

Leinart won the Heisman on Saturday night and set up the first game in college football history featuring two players with

Heisman trophies.
The Southern California quarterback faces White's Oklahoma Sooners on Jan. 4 in the Orange Bowl with a national title on

the line.
"I know they're going to be coming after

me," Leinart said of the Sooners.
White had a chance to become just the second two-time Heisman winner, joining Ohio State tailback Archie Griffin (1974

and '75).
Instead he finished third, behind Leinart and Oklahoma freshman Adrian Peterson.
Leinart and White talked before the ceremony, and the Sooners' quarterback predicted the outcome.

"He said, 'Get ready for your speech,' " Leinart said. "I was like, 'Come on, man.' "

As a former winner, White had a vote.
He said he put Peterson No. 1 on his ballot
and Leinart second. The third spot he left
blank and let someone else — he wouldn't
say who — fill it out.

White said he still doesn't know who that person picked.

"I think Matt showed great character on the field and leadership," White said.

Leinart talked to White during the summer about winning the award.

"He said it changed his life," Leinart said.

Last year, Leinart succeeded 2002 Heisman winner Carson Palmer with a splendid sophomore season that set him up as the preseason favorite in 2004.

Leinart has delivered, throwing for 2,990 yards and 28 TDs and leading the top-ranked Trojans to a 12-0 regular sea-

son.

The junior is USC's sixth Heisman winner, tying the Trojans with Ohio State for second-most behind Notre Dame's seven. "I remember when Carson was sitting up here," Leinart said. "He said his heart was beating out of his chest, I think mine's about to do the same thing."

Utah quarterback Alex Smith was fourth, and Leinart's teammate Reggie Bush was fifth in the voting.

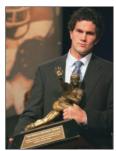
Leinart received 1,325 points and won all but one of the six voting regions. He came in third in the Southwest, where White led with 263 points and Peterson was second with 197.

Peterson received 997 overall points, edging out White (957) for second. Peterson's second-place finish is the best by a freshman.

Georgia's Herschel Walker (1980) and Georgia Tech's Clint Castleberry (1942) had the previous freshman high when they placed third.

Michael Vick was a redshirt freshman at Virginia Tech when he was third in 1999. Smith, who has led Utah to a berth in the Bowl Championship Series, received 635 points, and Bush, the Trojans' explosive and versatile tailback had 597.

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Southern Cal's Matt Leinart picks up the Heisman Trophy he won on Saturday.

Blazers of glory



Valdosta State players celebrate with the trophy after beating Pittsburg State 36-31 in the NCAA Division II championship game on Saturday in Florence, Ala. Former Florida State quarterback Fabian Walker threw two touchdowns for the Blazers. See details on Page 29.



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